

Inquiry Name: Inquiry into Expanding Melbourne's Free Tram Zone

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### **SUBMISSION CONTENT:**

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I would like to support the extension of the Free Tram Zone to include routes surrounding the University of Melbourne - from Swanston Street to Elgin Street in Carlton, Royal Parade to College Crescent in Parkville and St Kilda Road to Commercial Road in Prahran. This should improve access to the nearby hospitals for visitors and patients, as well as access to the university for students, staff and visitors to the university. It is often difficult to touch on during peak times due to heavy congestion in the trams and the slow response of the Myki readers. Many university staff and students need to touch on anyway due to catching connecting trains.

On another note, I would prefer to support free public transport across the whole Melbourne metro network, provided it would not be too much of a burden on the state. I am not sure what the economics of this would be, but free public transport would remove the cost of maintenance of Myki or any other future ticketing system, and also remove the personnel costs of ticket inspectors, fine administration and court costs. The State Government would need to fully support the infrastructure costs and customer service. This would also make Melbourne more accessible and super easy for visitors and disadvantaged people, and hopefully ease road congestion (although there would need to be increased capacity on the public transport network).

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