

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

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In brief, the free tram zone SHOULD NOT be extended. If anything - it should be removed. My reasons are:

- Everybody should pay the relevant fare to use the trams
- "free use" encourages excessive use of the system putting an unnatural capacity pressure on the existing system
- The proposed extension would only encourage other areas to argue they should also be entitled to free trams
- The major beneficiaries are tourists – who should pay the normal fares. For instance, tourists in London do not get a free ride
- Any revenue gains should be ploughed back into the system.
- If everyone had to touch on when they boarded a tram, there would be less confusion and much less fare evasion
- The boundaries of the free zone add to the confusion experienced by tram users. Further movement of the boundaries would add to the confusion

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