

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

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Dear committee,

As Southbank resident I am in favour of extending Free Tram Zone.

In particular I support section e) St Kilda Road to Commercial Road, Prahran; Arts Centre and Shrine of Remembrance stops have to be added to Free Tram Zone.

As many people mentioned tourism, students etc. I see this issue from different angle: Arts Centre and Shrine Of Remembrance Stop always been De Facto in Free Tram Zone.

Shrine Of Remembrance is my home stop for over 6 years and this conclusion is based on my observations.

Majority of tourist (my observations estimates ~80%) do not validate Myki for those two stops and all other passengers travelling from FREE tram Zone is placed in ridiculous situation to have to pay almost \$5 for one stop.

Also, I need to note, that some Free Tram Zone passengers, usually non local residents and non English speakers, would travel without ticket to Arts Centre forced by circumstances: myki balance too low, or no myki at all - if you did not managed to get out at Flinders St.Station - you are forced to break PT rules.

Free Tram Zone Extension to Shrine Of Remembrance would not increase passenger numbers:

*its walkable route for tourists and local residents

*as mentioned above, passengers travelling already from Free Tram Zone usually don't validate ticket for various reason

I do believe, that Free Tram Zone Extension e) St Kilda Road to Commercial Road, Prahran; Arts Centre and Shrine of Remembrance stops:

* would not be extra burden financially

* nicely and logically conclude and end Free Tram zone from tourism perspective

* eliminate stress and point of conflict with Ticket inspectors for all "day Dreamers" and forgetful passengers force

to travel to Arts Centre

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