

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

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The free tram zone is a very poor idea. Expanding it would make it even worse.

My reasons are:

1. Most of the people are abusing the system. I work in the CBD and use public transport daily. I see unlimited young and fit adequate adults take the tram for 1 stop. It clogs up the system and overcrowded the trams. It makes it almost impossible for people to who needs to go beyond the free tram zone to access the trams. For disabled, elderly and parents with prams, there's also no way they can squeeze into these jam packed trams.
2. There's no free lunch in this world. Where do the funds to improve the tram service and upgrade the network come from? The tram services have deteriorated since the introduction of the free tram zone with overcrowded trams and delays. Trams are so packed and passengers cannot even touch on their Myki.
3. With the current vic public transport ticketing system capped for a 2 hours and daily maximum, once you have paid and touched on a MyKi ticket, then all other public transport are already free, why the free tram zone again?

Free tram zone targets and rewards tourists and people who don't pay for any public transport while penalising the frequent daily public transport user. I challenge anyone to try to get on a tram in the CBD during peak hours. You will have your answers first hand.

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