

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

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Inquiry into extending Melbourne's Free Tram Zone service.

WHAT ABOUT COUNTRY COMMUTERS WITHOUT ACCESS TO FREE TRAM ZONES?

Any questions about whether or not Melbourne's Free Tram Zone service should be expanded can only be answered after the hidden costs of using private transport are made clear and that country people receive receive access to equivalent free bus or train services.

The estimated costs of using private transport exceed the costs of operating trams. Road trauma, road rage, and gridlock Victoria as much as \$11 billion each year and this could rise by a further 5 \$billion by 2030.

WHAT ABOUT COUNTRY COMMUTERS? Travellers in regional Victoria

receive no benefit from the free CBD tram zone so country commuters should be given access to free bus services. This has not been done to date by the Andrews government which means that such policies favour city dwellers and discriminate against people living in rural areas, unless rural residents are offered free bus and/or train travel.

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