

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

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I wish to register my objection to the proposed extension of Melbourne's Free Tram Zone. The existing free tram zone causes congestion on trams in the CBD during peak times, making it difficult or impossible for tram customers who wish to travel outside the zone to board. So for this reason I regard the existing free tram zone as a mistake, let alone its extension.

A better approach would be to scrap the free tram zone completely and implement distance-based public transport charging. Such a system is currently running very successfully in Sydney using their Opal card. There, short journeys are cheap, and longer journeys are charged accordingly. Their system accommodates transfers and multi-modal journeys very well.

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