

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

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I would like to recommend that the free tram zone is removed and replaced with a fare charged Zone 0. Zone 0 should cover the area within a 3-4km radius of CBD which will include university campuses and other major attractions.

Travel within Zone 0 should be charged at a lower rate than the current Zone 1+2 fare. For example a 2-hour fare of \$2

Such an arrangement will incentivise the following behaviour:

- Walking for shorter trips (up to 30mins) thus reducing congestion on trams in the current free tram zone
- A lower cost option for slightly longer trips (including students travelling to campus)

Currently the minimum fare on public transport within central Melbourne is the Zone 1+2 2 hour fare of \$4.50. This is quite a steep cost for trips that are slightly too long to walk comfortably. A lower Zone 0 fare would make public transport the go to option for these trips.

Having been in Melbourne as a tourist before, I found the Myki system easy to access and understand. I think that removing the free tram zone would actually make it easier for tourists as it means there is a consistent process for travel on trams (tag on, tag off).

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