

I request that the FTZ is extended to -

- Wellington Parade to Powlett Street, East Melbourne - as proposed.
- 70 tram route to southern end of Exhibition Street and then along Olympic Boulevard to AAMI Park – not proposed.

Both are subject to temporary FTZ extensions during the Tennis Open, when crowds are expected to exceed 50,000 at the MCG and when large crowds are expected at Olympic Park events.

The reason for this request is given in the submission to your Inquiry made by the MCC. It is to avoid damage to Yarra Park by car parking after significant rain.

It will be simpler to make these temporary extensions permanent. A major reason is that the public should learn to expect closure at short term after significant rain and learn to use public transport.

Other benefits are –

- The MCG and Olympic Parks are impressive tourist destinations apart from major events.
- There will be no dramatic increase in city centre tram passenger congestion since most sporting events are outside business hours.

Yours sincerely  
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