

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

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## SUBMISSION CONTENT:

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The free tram zone in Melbourne has been immensely popular with residents, workers and visitors. For Melbourne to retain their Free Fare Zone whilst other Australian cities have ceased theirs (bar Adelaide) proves the strength of the Victorian transport network.

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a. NOT AGREE - This creates un-needed pressure on the Tram Stops surrounding Jolliment during Games days in Olympic Park/Sports Precinct for any game that does not include Free Travel. I believe this would unfairly cause routes 48, 70 & 75 to badly overcrowd on these days. I don't believe an extension along this road should be recommended.

b. PARTIALLY AGREE - In the case of Terms of Reference item 2 being accepted, I believe this extension is not necessary as the primary benefit of this extension would be university Students. In this outcome, I don't believe an extension along this road should be recommended. IF Terms of Reference item 2 is not accepted, I believe this extension is a worthy cause to support RMIT and Melbourne University Students.

c. PARTIALLY AGREE - As per my answer to b. this won't be necessary if Full Time students are granted Free Travel. I would suggest limiting the extension to the Royal Melbourne Hospital to support patients and family/friends being able to travel into the city during their time of need.

d. AGREE - As per my answer to C. I believe this would benefit the patients + family/friends of both the Royal Melbourne Hospital and the Royal Children's Hospital.

e. DISAGREE - The extension of this road for such a long distance breaks the scope of the Free Tram Zone of free exploration and travel within the City. I would suggest extending this as far as the Shrine of Remembrance to include the Arts precinct for our tourism and the Shrine to support those coming to pay their respects and explore the park

In addition, I would also like to propose the following extensions:

Clarendon St, extend to stop 124A - Casino/MCEC

Queens Bridge St, extend to stop 115 - Casino East

My belief with these extensions is that the Casino and Convention center generate a large amount of tourism to the city. In not allowing these stops to be free, it currently operates as a way to fine visitors for not understanding the Free Tram boundaries and penalize those who aren't familiar with the system.

2. DISAGREE - It is my belief that Full Time students should have access to easy transport within their local area to support their studies, however I don't believe making their travel free is fare to other passengers on board. With the

exception of Primary and High School students, all these pupils have made the choice to continue their studies and have the capability to spend some of their hard earned cash to support the public transport network.

3. DISAGREE - In comparison to NSW, they offer a \$2.70 all day travel fare card to their Senior Citizens. Whilst free travel is a kind gesture, it also generates additional traffic on the Public Transport network with no way to recover costs. By placing a fare on these citizens, they contribute a small amount back into the network and also discourages travel for no other sake than travel, instead travel is decided with purpose and a goal in mind.

4. AGREE - these technologies can only benefit customers and should be investigated to provide a more reliable and enjoyable journey

5. AGREE - a flat fare across the network sounds easy, but generates criticism for small trips and higher losses for longer trips. I believe a distance based fare would be fairer for all travelers and bolster the transport network for the outer reaches. I believe this also has the ability to encourage small trips as these prices would effectively be lower. I also believe that a discount for out of peak travel would be beneficial to encourage travel outside the peak commuter travel times and also encourage workers to perhaps travel outside of these times when they can, alleviating pressure on the network during these busy times.

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File2:

File3: