

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

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I am a first year Melbourne Law School student, and have been coming to Melbourne University for the past 4 years. In that time I can surely say that PTV, their targeted fine towards students, the severity of their fines, their change in rules and regulations to make the system ill fit for the average citizen- has single handedly caused me the most issues as a university student (getting in law school was easier than dealing with ptv). Most of us students either, make minimum wage and are under constant pressure to make ends meet, or at least come from families where taxes to the state are paid. We all as a society do our part in creating the effectiveness of ptv. I feel as if the actual objective of ptv is forgotten, it is no longer to help citizens but to create a system to drain them and make them feel like criminals. Fines should NOT be about unfairly punishing people, 248 dollars does exactly that. In what sense is that fair? The system is created and changed to hurt us and make us helpless. It has cause me so much stress and makes me feel that even though I have committed my life to being apart of the state system, it is only out to get us. The free tram zone is for OUR benefit, not the benefit of our tourist or those who take the tram from flinders to Melbourne Central. Almost every uni student trains into the city and then trams up to Parkville- so this limited tram zone IS targeted to us. We are the future of this society, what makes it fair in any sense to punish us for accessing education?

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