

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

Request to extend Free Tram Zone Carolina Abdala

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The free tram zone extension could bring several benefits to the city of Melbourne.

First of all, it would reduce Melbourne CBD congestion and overpopulation, allowing economic growth in new areas of the city, especially in the tourism and hospitality industries.

Secondly, it would be helpful for thousands of graduate students who are not eligible for concession fares, despite being enrolled in full-time programs. As students, most of us need to do trade-offs within our budgets, allocating a significant portion of them into travelling expenses to our universities. These trade-offs usually involve academic materials, food, or even living in unfavourable conditions.

As third benefit, it would definitely enhance its users' satisfaction and quality of life, which will lead to an improvement of Melbourne City image as a brand to become once again the most liveable city of the world.

Personally, it would be great to know that everytime I finish my studies at 9 pm on a rainy night during Melbourne winter (or autumn, or spring), I can take the tram for free from my university without being worried about trading-offs with other important expenses and get home safe, instead of walking home to avoid paying it.

Please, take into consideration how this extension would benefit thousands of users who are not free-riders and pay accordingly everytime they use the tram.

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