

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

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I am writing to encourage the expansion of the free tram zone up to 3 kms from the Hoddle Grid. This would include all major attractions and help discourage drivers who live in the CBD from driving. Given all the construction in the CBD is making it difficult if not impossible to ride a bike, we need to encourage other alternative transportation than driving - particularly for people who live and own a car in the CBD,

I would also encourage mandatory fees for a yearly myki pass to be built into university student fees charged by the university to the student. This fee could then be paid directly to MYKI or the city. My experience on the Swanston Street trams is that 95% of foreign students refuse to pay for the tram wherever they get on/off so it would be smarter to make them pay ahead of time for their trips. I would not expand free trips to students because, in general, they show no tram etiquette and therefore aren't deserving of special consideration.

I am not in favor of discounts for senior card holders. The vast majority of them have lower housing costs (and other discount schemes) than working age people and so they don't need any more discounts. Maybe if they gave away their franking credits and sold their housing investments to working age people but that won;t happen so I say no more discounts to them from the public purse.

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