

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

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#### **SUBMISSION CONTENT:**

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Thank you for accepting this submission.

Im in a single income house hold and a long term city resident and fully support the free tram zone and its potential to be expanded.

When my wife and I moved into our city home we decided to get rid of our vehicle and thus have been totally dependant on public transport. This has been a great decision for us, our neighbours and the environment.

I fear the potential to remove the free tram zone would be detrimental on our activities around the city.

1) When we travel we always use the bus to the airport. If we had to pay an additional \$8.40 to get from Russell St to Spencer St it would place us in a position that we would have to consider using a vehicle (Taxi or ride share) instead due to the increased cost.

2) We spread our spending throughout the city because of the ease of getting around the city. Once again if there was a cost involved we would have to rethink my spending habits.

3) My doctor is located at 250 Collins St and i take the tram from 101 collins St to Swanston St. I know it is only one stop but it is a long stop and the return journey is up Russell Hill. Due to a medical condition i'm often unable to walk that far and the additional cost would be onerous.

4) We often travel down to the Vic market or docklands for lunch and shopping. This too would need to be reconsidered if there was an additional \$17.60 to our budget.

5) Our rates have increased significantly over the years and I feel the additional costs have been at the hirer end, however the service provided by the free tram zone has assisted us keeping our heads above water.

6) I have never been unable to get on a tram due to overcrowding as stated recently in the media.

Thank you for giving consideration to these points.

Michael Harris

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