

Petition for Public Transport Concessions for Postgraduate and International Students

The University of Melbourne Graduate Student Association (GSA) is asking students to sign this petition in order to redress the fact that Victoria is the only state in Australia that does not grant travel concessions to postgraduate students, and is one of only two states that does not grant travel concessions to international students.

To the Parliament of Victoria, the Victorian Government and relevant Ministers,

We, the undersigned, call on the Victorian Parliament to enact legislation and/or make provision for the realisation of:

- Public transport concessions for all postgraduate University students; and
- Public transport concessions for all international University students.

In 2008, the House of Representatives' Committee on Science, Industry and Innovation's inquiry into research training and issues in Australian Universities recommended that:

"The Australian Government work with the State Governments to support postgraduate students through the reduction of certain living expenses, in particular, through the provision of concessions for public transport travel. Access to transport concessions should be made available to all full-time tertiary students, regardless of type of enrolment or the level of course in which they are enrolled."

We endorse the Committee's recommendation and insist that all Victorian University students should have access to travel concessions. This is based on the recognition that all students should have equal rights and opportunities and that all students, particularly in the current global financial climate, face increasing financial burdens.

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