# Inquiry into extending Melbourne's Free Tram Zone

#### Legislative Council Economy and Infrastructure Committee's public hearing – Tuesday, 30 June 2020

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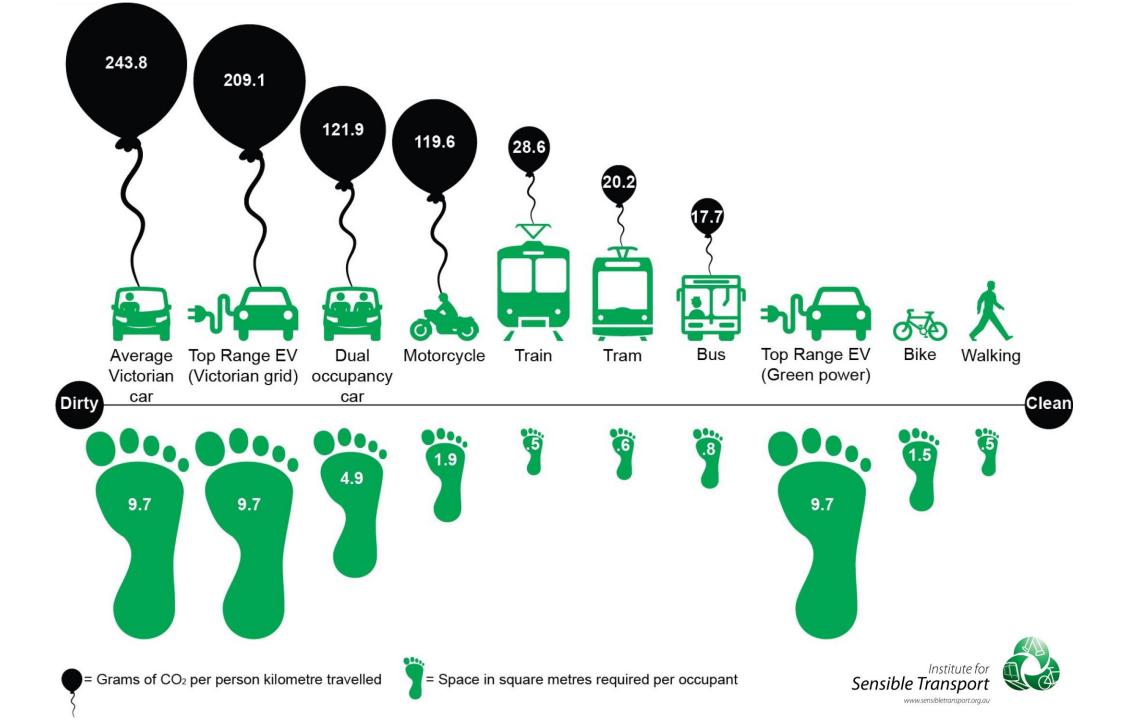
Institute for Sensible Transport







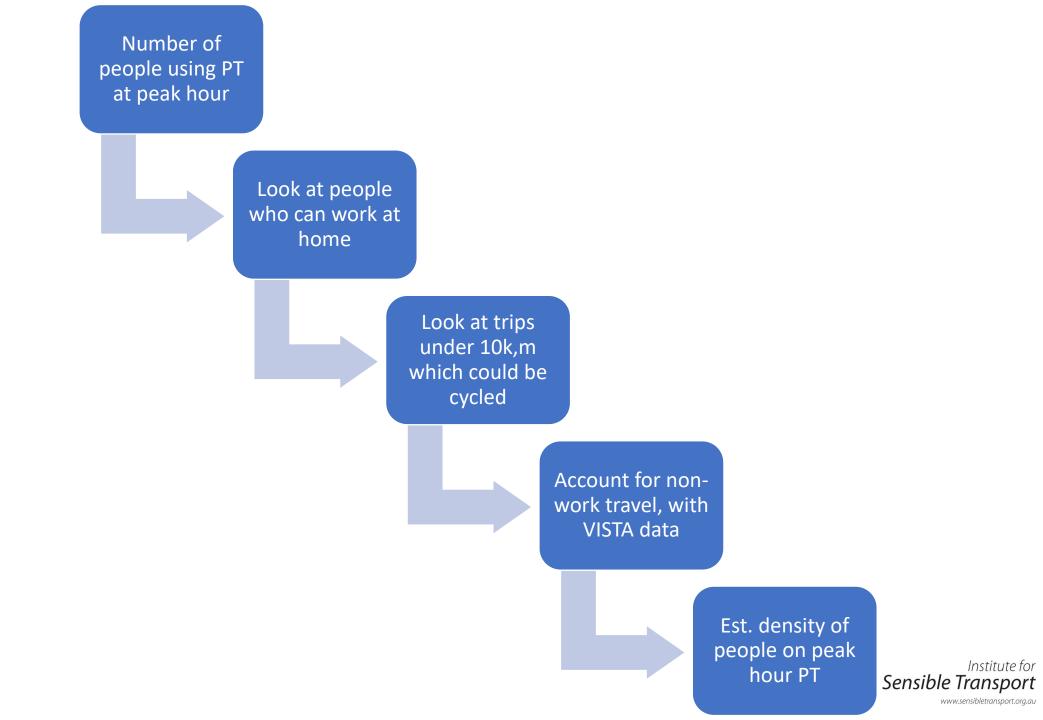




### What we did

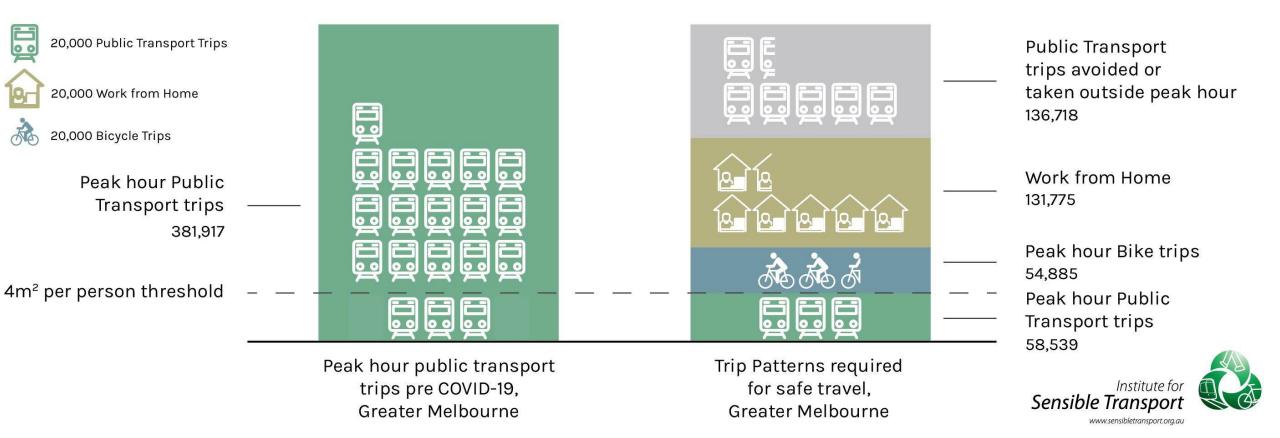
- Some researchers have looked at what needs to occur within the carriage.
- We looked at this, but also explored what might need to happen *outside* the carriage, in order to facilitate safe distancing within the carriage.





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#### What we found – Melbourne



The numbers above are not a prediction, but rather seek to highlight the scale of the change required to reduce new infections via public transport Chart: Liam Davies, Institute for Sensible Transport Source: Base data ABS Census 2016

## Physical distancing Recommendations

- Operate public transport on a peak hour timetable throughout the day
- 2. Incentives for travelling outside of peak
- 3. Work from home
- 4. Roll out emergency, temporary pop up bike lanes
- 5. Raise awareness of alternatives to peak hour travel



### **Free-Tram Zone**

- Reductions in walking trips
- Congestion for longer tram trips
- Reduced enforcement
- Confusion for visitors
- Equity

