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Essential Services Commission

Unbooked Taxi Fares

The ATDA concurs with the draft determination of the ESC to not vary the Regulated Maximum Unbooked Taxi Fare at this time. We do not wholly support the reasoning process, and note that the cost inputs related to Driver Labour do not reflect or account for the reality of an average Bailee Taxi Driver earning but one third of the National Minimum Wage, and without the Entitlements due to any other worker.

Whilst it may be beyond the Statutory responsibilities of the ESC, our Association believes this matter to be within the moral responsibilities of the ESC.

We would suggest that as a part of final Determination there should be , at the very least, a recommendation that the Driver Agreement be revised for a maximum Fare split between Operators and Taxi Drivers of 35% to the Operator and 65% to the Driver.

The actual Operating Cost Structure of Taxis in Melbourne, with real reductions in Network Fees and other major cost items, renders this Split acceptable and appropriate.

Michael Jools President ATDA, July 27th 2020