

Commercial passenger vehicle review 2018

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From 28 February 2018, we began accepting submissions on our 2018 commercial passenger vehicle review via Engage Victoria (www.engage.vic.gov.au). On this website, people were given the option to send us general feedback or respond to a set of questions we provided.

This submission responds to questions asked about our draft decision published on 21 June 2018.

1. Do you agree with our draft decision to keep maximum fares unchanged? Why or why not?

No I don't ! Why are Melbourne taxi day fares only \$1.60 per Klm compared to \$2.20 per Klm in Sydney and Brisbane. And Brisbane rideshare fares are \$1.15 per Klm. And do you endorse drivers of taxis, rideshare getting paid well BELOW minimum wages !! It is a national disgrace that this is happening. Do you know or do you in fact realise that taxi and rideshare drivers are being EXPLOITED by Government, Network Service providers ie 13 cabs, Silvertop who REFUSE to drop their fees despite the fact there has been a MASSIVE drop in jobs due to the introduction of rideshare. Unbooked taxi fares MUST be increased and I am suggesting that they go up 10 cents at day rate and 10 cents at night rate BUT abolish the peak rate of \$2 per Klm. Failure to at least increase rates as suggested by me will likely result in preparation of a case before Fair Work Commission to test whether all drivers should be employed under Passenger Vehicle Transportation Award 2010. As it is unsustainable for drivers to be paid well under minimum wage. And please do not assume drivers run their own businesses as in my opinion there are doubtful issues about that too. And with the State Government allowing thousands of extra taxis on the road, is also reason takings of drivers have plummeted even further !!! And if you do increase rates as suggested by me, it is anticipated rideshare rates will eventually also go up making it more sustainable not only for taxi drivers but rideshare drivers too who are also bitterly complaining about their unsustainable rates. There are rumours that TWU union are shortly taking action to force rideshare companies to increase their rates !

2. Is the 'time AND distance' tariff system easier to understand than the current 'time OR distance' tariffs? Why or why not?

Whatever

3. What are the positive and negative sides of using 'time AND distance' tariffs?

Don't know

4. Should maximum fares include a cleaning fee?

Certainly for vomit

5. Are there any other matters we should consider in our final decision on maximum fares for unbooked CPVs?

Read above.

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