

I won't bore you with the figures of how expensive it is to run a taxi no doubt you already have a fair idea by now.

I read with horror that Alan Fels wants to increase fares on Friday and Saturday nights but reduce fares Monday to Friday during the day. How is this fair to all day drivers?

Not only has the value of taxi licence dropped from \$530,00 to \$270,000 I am now expected to take a pay cut as I drive during the offpeak day time. I now have to pay my night driver 55% of the fair box yet I will be earning less so how I am expected to pay him.

By the time your review will be finalised it will be 6 years that the taxi industry has not had a fair increase. Tell me what other industry has not had a wage increase in that amount of time.

The problem is State Governments from both sides are reluctant to increase taxi fares as the cost of the M40 program increases.

THE INDUSTRY NEEDS AT LEAST 15% FAIR INCREASE ACROSS THE BOARD IMMEDIATELY JUST TO CATCH UP WITH INFLATION IN THAT TIME.

IF WE HAD SMALL FARE INCREASES ANNUALLY LIKE PUBLIC TRANSPORT AND OTHER TAXI INDUSTRIES ACROSS THE NATION WE WOULD NOT BE IN THIS SITUATION NOW.

Thanks for your time.