

FUTURE TAXI FARES – call for ideas

A submission by MANDEVILLE NOMINEES PTY LTD trading as PERSONALIZED CABS.

In an effort to assist all stakeholders I believe we must consider equity and fairness to owners and drivers in the first place. There must be transparency so that owners know that their drivers have not been having off metered fares where money may go into the pocket of the driver only.

Therefore, I encourage you to ensure that all fares are metered at all times and suggest that part of any finalization of the determinations, that it be made clear that there would severe penalties for drivers who have passengers in the vehicles without a meter on. A minimum fine of say \$110 would certainly discourage drivers, help owners and be enforced by the TSC.

We must consider that HOV and vehicles used for disabled persons (commonly known as M50's) usually cost more and travel further to do jobs.

As there has been no increase now for many years and with the cost of fuel having risen dramatically along with other costs we recommend the following:

- a) All sedans to have a \$5 flagfall and \$3 booking fee and a kilometer rate of \$2 per km and waiting time of \$50 per hour;**
- b) All HOV AND M50's to have a \$5 flagfall and \$3 booking fee and a kilometer rate of \$3 per kilometer and waiting time of \$60 per hour;**
- c) That between 2200hrs one day and 0559hrs the next day, that the flagfall be \$10 on all vehicles with a pre booking fee of \$5 and an hourly rate of \$60 AND KILOMETER rate to be the same;**
- d) That country licences be paid between 0600 and 2159 hrs at the rate set in b) above;**
- e) That between 2200hrs one day and 0559 hours the next day that country taxis be paid at rate c) above.**

This may also encourage more drivers to buy or work their HOV and M50 licences for longer hours. Lifting fees for M50 's to be \$15 for 31 cards.

Drivers can charge less than the metered fare if they wish but cannot be instructed to by their owners or anyone else.

Yours sincerely

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