

Dear Sir,

I feel extremely concerned about the new airport fees for the taxis. I am a metro taxi driver for last 9 years.

I would like to put up the following

When I started driving I have to pay \$25 for airport car park fees and get app 65 cents for every airport pick up. No booking fee.

Then airport increased their fee state to double no commission to driver. Airport parking card still cost \$25 . No booking fee.

Now airport wants to increase their fees even more which to me is totally unreasonable. But as VTA said it is beyond esc provision to stop airport fees but may be drivers can go to ACCC.

To me let the drivers should bear the burden of increased airport fees so that they can start avoiding airport. As a matter of fact airport does not want any taxi on their premises. So it is in best of public and airport that the increased cost of airport parking should not be allowed to pass onto public. That will also mean long standing complaint of public that too many taxis wait at the airport will be taken care off. So let the industry should find their own way to deal with the airport and ESC should not include the increase in airport parking fee into fare schedule.

If ESC provide a provision that increased airport fee could be passed on to customer which will be too detrimental for already so competitive transport market. Any increase in customer fare from the airport will mean less business for taxis.

Let the industry fix its own problem with ACCC or with a dialogue with the airport authority but in no circumstance customer should be paying more for the service.

Thanks

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