

I wish to make submission in regards to proposal to increasing Melbourne Airport taxi rank fee by \$0.88 and which you propose to pass on increase to taxi drivers, not passengers.

The drivers get poorly paid as it is and passing on the increase to them would have disastrous consequences !!

Taxi drivers provide an important taxi service for airport travellers and without that service the airport would be in chaos !

In busy periods I observe security staff in panic mode worrying that travellers have to wait for taxis to arrive. So they come to rank and ask drivers to move quickly. That is evidence enough that taxi service at airport is extremely important !

I can guarantee you if you passed on increase to drivers, they will pass on the increase to passengers anyway AND it is possible taxi drivers will protest at the airport on an ongoing basis.

So any increase in the Melbourne Airport taxi rank fee must be passed on to passengers OR ESC do not approve increase as requested by a very greedy airport organisation.

Please acknowledge receipt of this email

Regards

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