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Taxi Fare Review

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Ess. Service Comm

To whom it may concern.

I have been a taxi driver for 25 years.

Where you people want to put more vans & PS taxis on the road is absolutely no use. There are too many on the road at the moment. If you are fair dinkum, why not clean the industry up first.

Taxis have a three car rank in Spencer St near Lonsdale St. All the rest are illegally parked in 5 min drop off areas to service buses & trains. Maybe you may be able to make ranks bigger.

A lot of drivers will not help people with their luggage, especially old people. They will hold the boot lid up, but will not put the luggage in the boot. They put luggage in the taxi (inside) which is illegal.

These navigators should not be allowed in taxis. They are an obstruction when they are driving, especially night time. I do not know who these people get their licence (some driving with no licence, no photo ID, run around without the meter on (the boss losers out). Maybe you should make the VTD retest them properly. You see the VTD out on long weekends, rarely other times.

Putting more taxis on the road is not the answer. Pull these drivers off the road & put them through a proper test. There are too many cabs now. If more are put on the road there maybe a lot of confront trouble between drivers.

Hoping you will read this letter carefully & act on it & abolish the idea of more taxis. We do not need fare rises.

Yours,

Ron Dearing