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Dear Sir/Madam

TAXI FARE REVIEW 2013-14 – CALL FOR IDEAS

Public Transport Victoria (PTV) welcomes the opportunity to make a submission in response to the call for ideas for the Taxi Fare Review 2013-14.

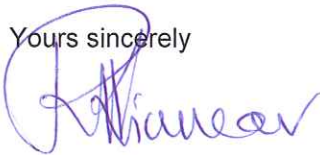
PTV was established in April 2012 with the aim of improving public transport in Victoria by:

- ensuring better coordination between modes
- facilitating expansions to the network
- auditing public transport assets
- promoting public transport as an alternative to the car
- acting as a system authority for all public transport and an advocate for public transport users.

Consistent with our aims, PTV recognises the potential benefits of improved coordination between taxis and fixed route public transport services, where integration can be in terms of service design or in terms of pricing. This should be facilitated by implementation of the Taxi Industry Inquiry recommendations supporting improved integration between modes and the use of taxis as a complement/alternative to public transport where it is most economical or efficient. An innovative taxi scheme being trialled in Yarrowonga is one example of the opportunities available.

In support of better integration between modes, PTV would be happy to discuss its interests with the Taxi Fare Review as it progresses. Should you wish to discuss this please contact Katrina Hynes on 9027 4826 or katrina.hynes@ptv.vic.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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