

Agenda Roundtable on Taxi Fares

Topic	Roundtable on IPART's 2013 taxi fare review
Date	21 May 2013
Time	2pm - 4.30pm
Location	IPART Offices Level 8 1 Market Street Sydney NSW

1. Opening comments – Dr Peter J Boxall AO, Chairman

2. Changes to fare levels

A member of IPART's Secretariat will provide a brief presentation of our draft decision on this issue. Participants will then be invited to give their views on the issues and specific questions raised.

During this session the following draft recommendations will be discussed:

In Sydney:

- ▼ We propose a small overall decrease in fares – this is not driven by cost but by looking at the outcomes of different fare changes
- ▼ In the past we have increased fares in line with the change in costs measured by the Taxi Cost Index
- ▼ This has led to relatively expensive fares but has not improved things for drivers and operators

Outside of Sydney:

- ▼ In urban areas (Wollongong, Newcastle, Central Coast) we propose that Sydney fares should continue to apply
- ▼ In country areas we recommend no fare change until licence arrangements are reformed.

3. Changes to fare structure

A member of IPART's Secretariat will provide a brief presentation of our draft decisions on fare structure. Participants will then be invited to give their views on the issues and specific questions raised.

During this session the following draft recommendations will be discussed:

- ▼ To increase the flag fall and reduce the distance and waiting time rates to increase the incentives for drivers to accept short fares.
- ▼ To add a flat rate peak surcharge for Friday and Saturday nights to provide more incentive for taxis to be on the road when they are needed.
- ▼ To change the hours at which the current night time 20% surcharge applies to commence at midnight rather than 10pm every night of the week, and stop at 5am rather than 6am.
- ▼ To remove the northbound ('return') toll on the Sydney Harbour Bridge and Tunnel.

4. Closing remarks – Dr Peter J Boxall AO, Chairman