

WAGGA TAXIS CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY LIMITED

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Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal
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Dear Sir

Wagga has a total of 33 Taxi licences, 23 standard Taxis and 10 are wheelchair accessible Taxis, 6 of these vehicles are utilised as Maxi Taxis.

Currently and for the past 15 or more years Wagga has rostered a minimum of half our fleet to be on. On Sunday days, Sunday nights, Monday nights and Tuesday nights.

We have at no time precluded any Taxi from operating at any time.

The voluntary rostering on is to ensure a satisfactory service to the public as when all the vehicles were on the road at these times many would go home due to lack of demand and or the ability to earn an income. This system has worked well for all.

Note: -

Any additional plates issued in Wagga would increase our fleet by 3% and more than 1 plate at any one time would be devastating to our industry. The only times where demand exceeds supply is on Saturday and Sunday mornings when all licenced premises close at the same time.

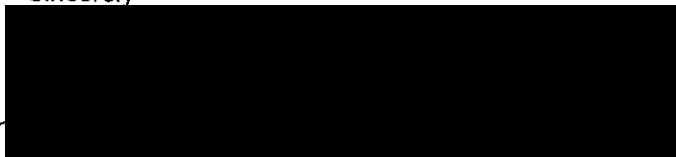
Further if any new plates were issued in Wagga a premium monthly access fee to the network dispatch system would need to be sought to assist cover new entrant participation with existing long-term contracts and the heavy cost of shareholders providing the infrastructure and wheelchair vehicles at substantial additional cost.

Demand for Taxi services in Wagga is currently facing immediate decline and loss of work due to 2 new ride share operators starting in Wagga over the past 12 months. Also, over recent years there has been a hire car operator, shuttle buses and most hotel and clubs now have courtesy buses.

We do operate 24 hours a day, 7 days per week including all public holidays this includes Christmas as well as Easter.

I am prepared to make myself available at any time to discuss any issues that I have raised or if I may be of assistance to IPART.

Sincerely



John D Gollins
Chairman
27 years in the industry in Wagga