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Submission: As an owner operator of a wheelchair accessible taxi in Newcastle for three years I would like to see a major change in how we have to be a part of a taxi network . Currently I have to pay \$10,000 + year for a service that I only use approximately 20% of the time . I have built up many regular wheel chair clients over the years and only use the taxi base occasionally during the day . Due to the extremely high taxi base fee, green (\$7000+) slip, insurance,I must also run my taxi at night with night drivers.

Giving us TC plates would help alleviate this problem (green slip, insurance costs half)

but also allowing us to be a part of a network for emergency purposes 24/7(the m113 back to base system) And having a "pay for jobs" system similar to uber would be of great advantage to me .how that would work is that every job I get from the taxi base I pay a 10 to 20% "service fee". Cutting the cost to me (of taxi base fee)by maybe 70%!

I would still be a part of Newcastle taxis with livery and uniform.