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These are the comments made on selected topics in the taxi fare review.

Would you support reducing fares by 2.5%?

I support a 2.5% reduction in fare

Should we consider introducing an additional peak surcharge on Friday and Saturday nights with a corresponding reduction in other fare components?

At what level should it be set?

The introduction of an additional peak surcharge on Friday and Saturday nights should not be considered.

Should we consider removing the night surcharge on Sunday to Thursday nights?

The removal of the night surcharge on Sunday to Thursday night should be considered.

Should the flag fall charge be increased in combination with a reduction in the distance (per km) and waiting time (per hour) charges?

The flag fall could be 30 cents lower and the other fares components should be reduced. If you support changes to the balance between long and short distance fares, which of the three examples outlined in section 4.2 do you prefer?

The fares should be the same for short and long distances, therefore I object to any changes between long and short distance fares.

Are the booking fees set at the right level relative to other fare components?

I believe that the booking fees are set at the right level in relation to other fare components.

Should booking fees to continue to be subject to a regulated maximum?

Booking fees should be regulated to a maximum of \$2.20.

Should taxi meters be linked to e-Tags so that tolls do not need to be manually added by a driver at the end of a journey?

Taxi meters should be linked to e-Tags, which would eliminate confusion and overcharging.

Should the maxi taxi surcharge be levied as a dollar amount rather than a percentage loading on the metered fare?

The maxi taxi surcharge should be levied as a dollar amount rather than a percentage loading on the metered fare. The dollar amount should be levied at \$1.10.

Should urban taxi fares continue to be the same as Sydney taxi fares?
I believe that taxi fares in urban areas should continue to be the same as taxi fares in Sydney.

Should the process for setting urban and country fares be the same as that used for Sydney fares?
The process used for setting fares in urban and country areas should be the same as Sydney.

Are changes required to the fare structure (individual fare components) in country areas?
The only change required to the fare structure would be the flag fall, which would be set at \$3.70.