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i have been involved with the taxi industry for almost fifty years as an owner as a part time and fulltime driver and as the operator of a shuttle service.in the earlier days it was better for the owner for a fixed pay in for drivers of 50% based on the normal earnings of the average driver. the taxi council was made up of semi retired taxi owners.when the government opened the taxi industry to investors they were replaced by hard nosed businessmen who through clever accounting pushed up the prices which pushed up the value of the plates etc. drivers now get less than 50%.ato decreed that drivers had to pay tax on kms travelled encouragiging drivers to hug the ranks.recommend.taxis canoperate lower fares with a new class of taxi. fare rate 2 to be 10pm to 4am.