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Submission:

1 Would you support reducing fares by 2.5%?

Yes

2 Would you support a decision not to increase taxi fares this year?

No

3 Would you support indexing fares by the Consumer Price Index (CPI)?

No

4 Would you support the Taxi Cost Index approach?

No

5 If we decide to retain the TCI approach, should different inflators be used for labour costs and annual licence costs?

The inflator for the labour costs should be kept as the rate of wage growth in the economy. The inflator for the annual licence cost should be permanently kept at zero.

6 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?

Yes, it should be set at \$3.50.

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

No, but it should be reduced from 20% to 10%.

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

Yes

9 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?

Example 2

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

Yes

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

No

12 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?

Yes

13 Should passengers be charged a toll on northbound trips across Sydney Harbour?

No

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

No, a percentage loading should be levied.

15 Should urban taxi fares continue to be the same as Sydney taxi fares?

Yes

16 Should the process for setting urban and country fares be the same as that used for Sydney fares?

No

17 If we decide to use a modified Taxi Cost Index to set Sydney taxi fares, should the same changes be made to the country Taxi Cost Index?

Possibly

18 Are changes required to the fare structure (individual fare components) in country areas?

Possibly

