

**FARE REVIEW FOR TAXIS THAT PLY OR STAND FOR HIRE ON A ROAD  
OR ROAD RELATED AREA IN SYDNEY  
REFERRAL UNDER THE PASSENGER TRANSPORT ACT 2014**

I, the Hon. Andrew Constance MP, Minister for Transport and Infrastructure, with the approval of the Hon. Gladys Berejiklian MP, Premier of NSW and Minister administering the *Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal Act 1992* (NSW), pursuant to section 123(1) of the *Passenger Transport Act 2014* (PT Act 2014), refer taxi services that ply or stand for hire on a road or a road related area (as defined under section 8(1)(a) of the PT Act 2014) in Sydney to IPART for investigation and preparation of a report containing recommendations regarding the appropriate maximum fares for those services to apply from 1 July 2018.

For the purpose of this referral Sydney means the Metropolitan transport district as defined under section 108(1) of the *Transport Administration Act 1988*.

In making its recommendations IPART is to consider the matters contained in section 124 of the PT Act 2014, including:

- (a) the cost of providing the services,
- (b) the need for greater efficiency in the supply of services so as to reduce costs for the benefit of consumers and taxpayers,
- (c) the protection of consumers from abuses of monopoly power in terms of prices, pricing policies and standards of service,
- (d) the social impact of the recommendation,
- (e) the impact of the recommendation on the use of the public passenger transport network and the need to increase the proportion of travel undertaken by sustainable modes such as public transport,
- (f) standards of quality, reliability and safety of the services (whether those standards are specified by legislation, agreement or otherwise),
- (g) the effect of the recommendation on the level of Government funding,
- (h) any matter specified in the referral to IPART,
- (i) any other matter IPART considers relevant.

In making its recommendations IPART is to consider the *Point to Point Transport Taskforce: Report to the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure* (November 2015) and the NSW Government's response. In particular, IPART is to consider whether Transport for NSW should continue to determine the components of the maximum fare including flagfall, distance rate and waiting time rate.

IPART is to indicate what regard it has had to the matters specified above in its report containing its recommendations.

IPART should publish a draft report containing its preliminary recommendations by no later than 31 December 2017 and consider public submissions in response to its recommendations before making final recommendations.

IPART is to report to the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure on its recommendations by no later than 31 March 2018.

Signed .....

**The Hon. Andrew Constance MP**

**Minister for Transport and Infrastructure**

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