

**TERMS OF ARRANGEMENT FOR TAXI LICENCE REVIEW
FOR TAXI SERVICES OUTSIDE SYDNEY UNDER THE *INDEPENDENT PRICING
AND REGULATORY TRIBUNAL ACT 1992 (NSW)***

With the approval of the Hon. Gladys Berejiklian MP, Premier of NSW and Minister administering the *Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal Act 1992* (IPART Act), pursuant to section 9(2) of the IPART Act, the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) will enter into arrangements with Transport for NSW.

The services to be provided by IPART are the conduct of an investigation into, and the preparation of a report containing recommendations concerning the number of taxi licences (other than licences for wheelchair accessible taxis) to be issued to operate in areas outside Sydney during the year commencing 1 July 2018.

For the purpose of this referral outside Sydney means that part of New South Wales other than the Metropolitan transport district (defined under section 108(1) of the *Transport Administration Act 1988*).

In making its recommendations IPART is to consider:

- (a) likely passenger demand and latent demand for taxi services,
- (b) the performance of existing taxi services,
- (c) the demand for new taxi licences,
- (d) the viability and sustainability of the taxi industry,
- (e) any other matters IPART considers relevant, having regard to the objective of ensuring improved taxi services.

IPART may also consider and make recommendations concerning:

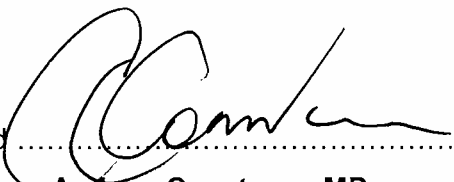
- (a) the number and type of taxi licences that are to be issued to persons who are also authorised to provide taxi services or who have applied for an authorisation to do so (under the *Point to Point Transport (Taxis and Hire Vehicles) Act 2016*)
- (b) the number of taxi licences that may be granted to the same applicant or related applicants.

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 there should be any restrictions placed on any of the taxi licences to be issued, and whether the licence should specify the operating area to be anything other than outside the Metropolitan transport district.

The services to be provided by IPART should include a public consultation process involving the NSW Taxi Council, taxi industry participants and, other stakeholders and the general community.

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

IPART is to provide the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure with a report containing its final recommendations by no later than 9 March 2018.

Signed 

The Hon. Andrew Constance MP
Minister for Transport and Infrastructure

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