



Premier of New South Wales
Minister for Western Sydney
Minister for Infrastructure

Reference: 2014-159570

27 JUN 2014

Dr P J Boxall AO
Chair
Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal
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Dear Dr Boxall

I am writing to request that the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal review the maximum fares for regular private ferry and taxi services under the *Passenger Transport Act 1990*. Please find enclosed a Reference under section 9 of the *Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal Act 1992* for the Tribunal to perform this service.

In addition, I request that the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal review the number of annual taxi licences (other than wheelchair accessible taxis) to be released in Sydney for the year commencing 1 July 2015. Please find enclosed a Reference under section 9 of the *Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal Act 1992* for the Tribunal to perform this service.

If your officers wish to discuss this matter, they should contact Mr David Tow, Executive Director, Urban Productivity, Department of Premier and Cabinet on (02) 9228 3146.

Yours sincerely



MIKE BAIRD MP
Premier

cc The Hon G Berejiklian MP, Minister for Transport

**INDEPENDENT PRICING AND REGULATORY TRIBUNAL ACT 1992
PRIVATE FERRY INDUSTRY FARE REVIEW**

I, Hon Mike Baird, Premier, pursuant to Section 9(2) of the *Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal Act 1992*, approve the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) entering into arrangements with Transport for NSW for one year to 2 August 2015 to provide services to Transport for NSW that are within its area of expertise. The services to be provided by IPART are the conduct of an investigation into, and the preparation of a report concerning, maximum fares for regular private ferry services under the *Passenger Transport Act 1990*.

In providing these services, IPART should consider:

- i) the cost of providing the services concerned and the need for greater efficiency in the supply of services so as to reduce costs for the benefit of customers;
- ii) relativities with Sydney Ferries' services, including in terms of service, efficiency, cost and ticketing products;
- iii) the protection of customers from abuses of monopoly power in terms of prices, pricing policies, and standards of service;
- iv) the need to maintain ecologically sustainable development;
- v) the impact on customers of the recommendations;
- vi) standards of quality, reliability and safety of the services concerned (whether those standards are specified by legislation, agreement or otherwise and any suggested or actual changes to those standards); and
- vii) the effect of any pricing recommendation on the level of Government funding provided to private operators under commercial contracts.

The services to be provided by IPART will include a public consultation process through which IPART will invite submissions from the private ferry operators and other stakeholder groups including user groups.

The services are to be provided through the provision of one or more reports to Transport for NSW, as agreed between Transport for NSW and IPART.



The Hon Mike Baird MP
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Dated at Sydney.....2014