The Hon Jo Haylen MP Minister for Transport



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Ms Carmel Donnelly PSM
Chair
Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal
PO Box K35
Haymarket Post Shop NSW 1240

Re: Section 13 requirements for the review on maximum fares for rank and hail taxi services in NSW

Dear Ms Donnelly,

I write to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) regarding the review of the appropriate maximum fares for rank and hail taxi services in New South Wales that is currently underway.

Taxi trips are an important mode of travel for people accessing Sydney airport. Equally, they are also an important component of work for the taxi industry. The Government understands that there is significant interest in determining fares for these trips, including the potential for fixed fares.

To that end, pursuant to section 13(1)(c) of the *Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal Act 1992*, I am writing to seek consideration of the pricing methodology for taxi trips commencing from Sydney Airport to areas such as the Sydney CBD as part of the current review. The consideration of these trips is timely, as I understand this was last investigated in IPART's review of taxi fares in 2010.

This direction will maintain IPART's independence, while ensuring that the NSW Government is well informed to consider IPART's recommendations.

I look forward to receiving IPART's report.

Sincerely,

