

**Point to Point Transport (Taxis and Hire Vehicles) Act 2016**  
**Section 74(1)**

**Referral**


I, the Hon. Jo Haylen MP, Minister for Transport, with the approval of the Hon. Chris Minns MP, the Premier of NSW, administering the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal Act 1992, pursuant to section 74(1) of the *Point to Point Transport (Taxis and Hire Vehicles) Act 2016*, refer to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) for investigation and preparation of a report containing recommendations on the maximum fares for rank and hail taxi services in New South Wales to apply from 1 July 2025.

Pursuant to section 74(2)(b) of the *Point to Point Transport (Taxis and Hire Vehicles) Act 2016*, IPART is to consider the following specified matters when making its investigations for the purposes of its report:

1. A pricing framework for maximum fares for rank and hail taxi services including:
  - A methodology or level for fares from 1 July 2025
  - A methodology for reviewing and adjusting fares in future.
2. Level and methodology for determining fares for maxi-taxis, the circumstances in which this fare is to be charged and any impacts on the availability of wheelchair accessible taxis.
3. Ensuring affordability and availability of taxi services for people with disability.
4. Application of different maximum fare schedules for country and urban areas of NSW.
5. The forthcoming review under section 161 of the *Point to Point Transport (Taxis and Hire Vehicles) Act 2022*, which will assess the effect of the commencement of the:
  - deregulation of taxi licence supply; and
  - removal of operating area restrictions
  - and their impacts on innovative and competitive services as well as on customer satisfaction.
6. IPART is also to consider the following matters in making its recommendations:
  - the cost of providing the services
  - the need for greater efficiency in the supply of services so as to reduce costs for the benefit of consumers and taxpayers
  - the protection of consumers from abuses of monopoly power in terms of prices, pricing policies and standards of service
  - the social impact of the recommendation
  - 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
  - standards of quality, reliability and safety of the services (whether those standards are specified by legislation, agreement or otherwise)
  - the effect of the recommendation on the level of Government funding
  - any other matter IPART considers relevant.

IPART should publish a draft report containing its preliminary recommendations and consider public submissions in response to its recommendations.

IPART is to deliver a final report to the Minister for Transport within nine months from the date of receiving these Terms of Reference.

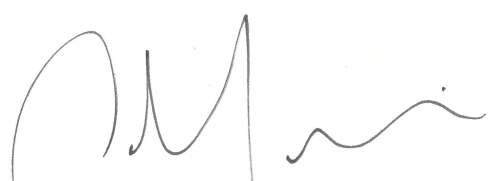
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**The Hon. Jo Haylen, MP**  
**Minister for Transport**

Date: 26/5/24 .....

**Approval of Referral**

I, the Hon. Christopher John Minns, MP, Premier, as the Minister administering the *Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal Act 1992*, approve this referral under section 74(1) of the *Point to Point Transport (Taxis and Hire Vehicles) Act 2016*.



Signed: .....

**The Hon. Chris Minns, MP**  
**Premier**

Date: 21/6/24 .....