

Agenda Public Hearing on Taxi Fares

Topic	Public Hearing for IPART's 2010 taxi fare review
Date	12 April 2010
Time	10am - 12pm
Location	IPART Offices Level 8 1 Market Street Sydney NSW

1. Opening comments – Jim Cox, Acting Chairman (10.00am)

2. Likely fare increases from 1 July – IPART Secretariat

A member of IPART's Secretariat will provide a brief presentation of the main issues that IPART will consider this year. Following the presentation, participants will be asked to provide their views on:

- ▼ Are the indicative increases in fares reasonable given the cost increases faced by industry?
- ▼ Is CPI-Sydney an appropriate inflator for the network fee component? Why or why not?
- ▼ Can taxi drivers and operators make gains in productivity? What are the industry specific factors that might affect the scope for productivity improvements in the taxi industry?
- ▼ Is the current fare structure reasonable? Is there a case for raising some fare components by more than others?

The Chairman will then invite other attendees to provide comment.

3. Flat fares from Sydney airport to the CBD – IPART Secretariat

A member of IPART's Secretariat will provide a brief presentation of the main issues that IPART will consider this year. Following the presentation, participants will be asked to provide their views on:

- ▼ Do the advantages of a flat fare outweigh the disadvantages?

- ▼ If there was a sufficient need to introduce flat fares, what are the most effective ways of addressing the disadvantages without sacrificing simplicity?
 - At what level should the flat fare be set?
 - Should the CBD area be broken into more than one zone?
 - What geographical boundaries should be used to define the CBD zone? Should it include secondary areas like North Sydney or Kings Cross?
 - Should the flat fare include or exclude additional fees (such as the airport access fee, booking fee and Eastern Distributor toll)
 - Should the flat fare be optional or only apply at certain times of the day?

The Chairman will then invite other attendees to provide comment.

4. Dealing with LPG price volatility – IPART Secretariat

A member of IPART's Secretariat will provide a brief presentation of the main issues that IPART will consider this year. Following the presentation, participants will be asked to provide their views on:

- ▼ Should we include a mechanism to address LPG price volatility?
- ▼ If we should, what is the best approach and why?
- ▼ If we decide to keep the mid-year fuel review:
 - at what level should we set the threshold for fare changes?
 - is it appropriate for us to exercise discretion in recommending fare changes?

The Chairman will then invite other attendees to provide comment.

5. Closing remarks – Jim Cox, Acting Chairman of IPART