Unbooked taxi fare review 2020

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From 2 April 2020, we began accepting submissions on our 2020 unbooked taxi fare review via Engage Victoria (<u>www.engage.vic.gov.au</u>). On this website, people were given the opportunity to send us a response to a set of questions we provided.

1. General comments on our consultation paper

I believe in setting unbooked fares using rises in the CPI. It's the easiest most straight forward approach. I also believe we should have a minimum fare in place. A flat fare for a 4 km radius of say 10 dollars. We also need a minimum fare in place for the booked fares. I understand legislation needs to be changed to do so. The review is totally incomplete and pointless unless this area is addressed. How can governments provide minimum protections to all other workers but not taxi drivers? It's a total disgrace. To upend the regulated market place without consideration to protecting drivers from exploitation from networks and Uber alike. I was asked to give my views having a good understanding of my industry. However knowing how incompetent the government and bureaucracy has been and still is I was reluctant. Knowing this probably just a feel good exercise. Too much politics. People too concerned with votes and retaining jobs to be frank and forthright enough to get the job done properly. The entire deregulation of the industry is a flop. The government will go down in history as having been a disaster for the taxi industry. It's a disaster for all participants.

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