

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 (www.engage.vic.gov.au). 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

The Transport Integration Act 2010, Section 3, identifies the Essential Services Commission (ESC) as a 'Transport Body' under the Act. Therefore, in accordance with Section 24 of the Act, it is mandatory that the ESC as a 'transport body must have regard to the transport system objectives in exercising its powers and performing its functions under any transport legislation". This section also requires the ESC to have regard to the decision making principles under the Act. As these are ignored in the Consultation Paper, the ESC in order to comply with the Act, is required to remedy this and examine the application of the transport system objectives and principles in its review. For example, the ESC in having regard to these objectives/principles is alerted to the following considerations: S10(c) - environmental sustainability - a fare structure that promotes via incentives, the use of electric vehicles; S11(c) - reducing the extent of private motor vehicle travel - a fare structure that promotes multiple occupancy of all unbooked taxis above 1 passenger through sharing of taxis, especially in locations of high demand, such as to and from the Airport, Flinders Street Station, et al. A high occupancy fee applies in this direction but applies to carrying 5-11 passengers. This review should consider an incentive structure for carrying passengers in all shared trips above 1 passenger.

2. Upload submission

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