

Having read Taxi Fare Review 2016-Metropolitan Zone Draft Report dated 3 May 2016 I submit that I agree with Essential Services submissions points 1 to 5.

With regard to point 6 “new peak booking charge” - a maximum of \$10.00 I submit that this charge should only apply on evenings prior to Public Holidays from 7pm and all day on Public Holidays (Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Years Eve and New Years Day) not in all peak tariff periods. ANZAC day as Australia’s National Remembrance Day should not be affected by any change.

E.g. Christmas Eve      Peak Period Tariff applies from 1900pm until Midnight

    Christmas Day      Peak Period Tariff applies from 00.00am until 2400pm.

    Boxing Day          Peak Period Tariff applies from 00.00am until 2400pm (then reverts to Tariff 2 until 0900am).

    New Year’s Eve      Peak Period Tariff applies from 1900pm until 2400pm.

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Any imposition of additional fees will leave the Taxi Industry at the mercy of the share-ride providers (e.g. UBER).

With the major taxi companies having developed Booking Apps there is an opportunity to collect booking and cancellation fees to ensure an excellent service is provided.

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