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Dear Jonathan,

**RE: Taxi Fare Schedule Update - Melbourne Airport Rank Fee**

Melbourne Airport acknowledges the Essential Service Commission (the Commission) for its paper '*Updating the Schedule of Maximum Taxi Fares Document – Proposed changes to the airport rank fee and other drafting amendments for consultation, August*' (consultation paper).

Melbourne Airport supports the Commission's preliminary position as outlined in the consultation paper and believes this is an appropriate and balanced approach, which will provide consistency across other state jurisdictions.

Melbourne Airport acknowledges the Commission's distinction between the Airport Rank Fee and the Airport Access Fee and confirms that we are wholly responsible for setting the price for the Airport Access Fee.

Melbourne Airport also acknowledges the Commission's draft position for an increased Airport Access Fee be allowed to be passed through to customers (in the Rank Fee). As per Melbourne Airport's standard process for changes to taxi procedures, we will publish the increased fee (and any changes) on our website and in a Victorian daily newspaper to ensure it reaches a large number of consumers.

In addition, we are committed to working with the Commission and industry to provide transparency in the determination of any access fees

We appreciate the Commission's consultation framework and timeline, and understand that the Commission will not make a determination until mid-October with any changes to be effective from the end of October. Whilst it is not Melbourne Airport's intention to pre-empt any decision, based on this timeline Melbourne Airport will delay the implementation of its planned access fee increase until 1 November, 2016.

If you have any questions or queries please contact me on (03) 9297 1084.

Yours sincerely,

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