

Queensland Taxi Owners And Drivers Welfare Association Inc.

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Submission – High Occupancy, Luxury and Premium surcharge

Please complete any or all of the below questions/comments in the boxes provided. Where additional reports/information has been provided, please reference them in the relevant box and attach them at the end.

1. Should the High Occupancy, Luxury and Premium surcharge be regulated?

We recommend that the High Occupancy, Luxury and Premium surcharge should not be Regulated

2. Should the surcharge be applied for rank and hail work? If so, for what number of passengers?

We recommend that the Surcharge should apply from ranks and hails, for 5 passengers and above.

3. Should the surcharge be a fixed amount, as is the case in Metro Brisbane, or a percentage as applied by the regions? Perhaps a percentage could apply up to a cap (similar to TSS)?

We recommend the Surcharge should be a percentage as applied by the regions. There should be no cap.

4. Should there be a consistent charge throughout the State to save confusion for travellers (especially overseas visitors)?

We recommend there should be a consistent charge throughout the State to save confusion for local travellers and especially overseas visitors.

5. Should there be new tariffs created for maxis and premium taxis that will be able to be regulated by the booking companies when automated meters become mandatory?

We would recommend there is no need for new tariffs created for maxis and premium taxis, as there are already nine Tariffs in maxis and premium taxis.

6. Should maxi surcharges and a lifting fee be considered together as a package to encourage more drivers to drive maxis? Could this be workable? Is a surcharge appropriate for wheelchair work?

We would not recommend that a maxi surcharges and a lifting fee be considered together as a package, we do not believe this would be workable, and yes a surcharge is appropriate for wheelchair work.

7. Were the Commonwealth Government able to partner with TMR to deliver National Disability Insurance Scheme (“NDIS”) funds into the existing TSS scheme such that the scheme covered any applicable surcharge leaving the customer no worse off, would you support a surcharge for wheelchair work?

Yes we would support a surcharge for wheelchair work if the Commonwealth Government was able to partner with TMR, leaving the customer no worse off, we would never like to see a disable person being left worse off, and we would like to see an improved service to the Disable Costumers.

8. Should surcharges (if regulated) form part of the items to which fare increases may be applied?

Yes surcharges (if regulated) can be part of the items to which fare increases may be applied.

9. Should surcharges be considered as part of a broader regulation that outlines a formal multi-hire product?

As long as Surcharges are applied to formal multi-hire product, and are not removed from the formal multi-hire product.

10. Should there be more thought given to the potential uses for maxis and premium/luxury taxis, especially for community transport contracts?

We would recommend there be more thought given to the potential uses for maxis and premium/luxury taxis especially for community transport contracts as this will increase the work.

11. Do you think there would be any value in lobbying the Queensland Government for a parliamentary inquiry into the efficiency and effectiveness of different forms of transport? Eg ambulances/buses/community transport for non-urgent non-ambulance (“NUNA”) work or off peak bus routes?

We would Support any lobbying of the Queensland Government for a parliamentary inquiry into the efficiency and effectiveness of different forms of transport.

12. To support any submission to Government there needs to be some facts and figures. Please outline a model that you have either used, or would be likely to implement as a generic template when bidding for NUNA, Council Cabs, or other community transport/off peak bus routes. (Feel free to provide as an attachment.)

None.

Name - Operator/Owner/Driver _____

Taxi Number _____

DA Number _____