

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. What do you think are the advantages and disadvantages of each of these approaches to assess the level of maximum fares? What is your preferred approach?**
 - **keeping fares unchanged**
 - **varying fares by CPI: using changes in the consumer price index as a proxy for changes in the cost of providing taxi services**
 - **market outcomes: using supply and demand in the commercial passenger vehicle industry to assess maximum fares**
 - **updating the taxi cost index: using the taxi cost index from our previous review to assess how maximum fares should change**
 - **review of cost basket: using a new taxi cost index to assess how maximum fares should change**
 - **other approaches: we are open to considering the use of other approaches for assessing maximum fares.**

Keep fares unchanged

- 2. What developments in the commercial passenger vehicle industry should we consider in setting maximum fares (particularly since the last review)?**

Corona Virus and the extent to which it will impact on people out and about or requiring a taxi.

- 3. What do you think about the implementation of 'time and distance' tariff since the previous review? Should we remove 'time or distance tariffs' and require the use of 'time and distance tariffs'?**

I think time and distance tariffs are a good idea, because there will be peak times like Friday nights compared with ordinary business hours times and distances.

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