

# MINUTES

## Taxi Industry Board (TIB) Meeting

Wednesday 17 August 2011

20 Brown Street, East Perth

**8.00am**

Attendees: Barry MacKinnon – Chairman  
Professor Greg Martin – Deputy Chairman  
Dr Martin West – Member  
Stephen Scott – Member  
Tony Carter – Member  
Debbie Karasinski – Member  
Bruce Morgan – Member  
Peter Ryan – GM, PSBU  
Rick Roberts – PSBU  
Sam Pettina – Department of Transport  
Ken Travers – Opposition Spokesman for Transport  
Kate Wang – Minister for Transport's Office

Apologies: Nil

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Issue / Discussion</b>	<b>Actions</b>
1.	<p><b>Ken Travers, Opposition Spokesman for Transport</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Mr Travers was welcomed to the meeting and after introductions was given an update on the progress of the TIB since his last meeting with them. Items covered included:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Future plate release strategy</li><li>○ Regulatory Review including visits to other jurisdictions</li><li>○ Fare Model review</li><li>○ MPT Review</li><li>○ Driver Competency Review</li><li>○ Standby MPT Vehicle and Night time lifting fee</li><li>○ TUSS Cap increase</li><li>○ Extension to Peak period operating hours</li><li>○ TCSU upgrade</li><li>○ Additional Compliance Officers</li><li>○ Uniform colour of taxis</li></ul></li></ul> <p>There was some general exchange of ideas and discussion. Mr Travers acknowledged a number of issues he saw as important going forward. These were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ ComfortDelGro acquisition of Swan Taxis</li><li>○ MPT issues – plight of people with disabilities</li><li>○ Jobs Not Covered requiring greater scrutiny and breakdown</li></ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Experience in other jurisdictions important</li> <li>○ Supports TCSU initiative including voice recording whilst expressing some concern on controls of the recordings.</li> <li>○ Supports uniform taxi colour</li> </ul> <p>There was some further general discussion on the intended bipartisan, open and inclusive approach of the TIB to issues. Mr Travers then thanked the members for the invitation and discussion and left at 9am.</p>	
2.	<p><b>Acceptance of Minutes of previous meeting held Wednesday, 13 July 2011 and declarations of interest.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Minutes were accepted with a minor addition.</li> </ul>	
3.	<p><b>Actions from Previous meeting</b></p> <p>The Chairman listed the actions from the previous meeting. Decisions and outstanding actions were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ NZ information – pending (Agenda item 3a and 3e)</li> <li>▪ Legal advice – pending (Agenda item 3b)</li> <li>▪ Mr Carter to provide items for progression under the Reg. review under current regulatory framework (Agenda item 3f)</li> <li>▪ The draft updated Strategic Plan (SP) and the Annual report to be considered by the members before next meeting. TIB agreed that the SP should state the role of taxis in the overall public transport task.</li> <li>▪ TIB approved the Business Plan drafted at their Extraordinary Meeting of 1 August 2011.</li> </ul>	
4.	<p><b>Regulatory Review Subcommittee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The Chairman and Mr Ryan expanded on the summary document of the Singapore study trip.</li> <li>▪ There was general discussion on the results and information gathered. The TIB resolved to include relevant matters in the considerations for the regulatory review.</li> <li>▪ Dr West outlined his Regulatory Review ‘next phase’ document. After some discussion, the TIB resolved to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Examine the document at the next meeting</li> <li>○ Progress the exploration of industry compensation options in a regulatory change</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
5.	<p><b>MPT Subcommittee</b></p> <p>Ms Karasinski referred to the response letter to People with Disabilities WA and the TIB noted this correspondence. The subcommittee report was then outlined and after some discussion the TIB resolved to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Adopt the vision that people with disabilities have the same access to the taxi service as everyone else.</li> <li>2. The sub-committee to examine what other options, other than a total conversion to accessible taxi’s, may be made to improve the existing service.</li> <li>3. At the appropriate time then to discuss with the TIBRG the options and recommendations</li> </ol>	

6.	<p><b>Driver Competency Review Subcommittee</b></p> <p>1. Mr Scott advised that this subcommittee had met on 12 August 2011 and reviewed the first 3 questions posed to stakeholders. The next 3 questions will be reviewed 21 August and the analysis of the responses will be collated at the meeting on 28 August 2011.</p> <p>2. A taxi owner/driver representative had joined the subcommittee – Mr John Cole</p> <p>3. Mr Scott advised that the stakeholder consultation does not cover the average person in the street and that a focus group provider would need to be engaged.</p>	
7.	<p><b>TIB Reference Group (TIBRG)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Prof. Martin advised that his recommendations for the TIBRG were: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Retention</li> <li>2. Revised TORs</li> <li>3. Appointment of up to 12 members – 50% for 1 year and 50% for 2 years</li> <li>4. Recognise both the organisation represented and the personal contribution of the members</li> <li>5. Better engagement with the TIBRG from beginning and during the development of improvement strategies for the taxi industry.</li> <li>6. Future meetings be based on discussion of a particular improvement initiative.</li> </ol> </li> </ul> <p>The TIB also agreed that the recommendation to the Minister should include proposals to remunerate the TIBRG and any members of subcommittees that were disadvantaged financially when attending meetings.</p>	
8.	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p><b>Out:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Noted</li> </ul> <p><b>In:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Nil</li> </ul>	
9.	<p><b>Ministerial Issues</b></p> <p><b>Items approved by the Minister</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Nil</li> </ul> <p><b>Items to be progressed</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The TIB noted the items with the Minister for consideration.</li> </ul>	
10.	<p><b>Items to Note</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The TIB members noted these items. The Chairman reiterated his request for the members to provide suggested changes to the draft Annual Report.</li> </ul> <p><b>Next Meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Next monthly meeting is scheduled for 14 September 2011.</li> </ul>	