



**Legislative Council
Select Committee on the NSW Taxi Industry**

INQUIRY INTO THE NSW TAXI INDUSTRY

The Hon John Ajaka MLC, Chair of NSW Parliament's Select Committee on the NSW Taxi Industry, has announced the commencement of an inquiry into the NSW taxi industry.

Mr Ajaka said, "The Committee will scrutinise several aspects of the NSW taxi industry, including the regulation, transparency and accountability of the industry, the provision of government subsidies and any anti-competitive practices that may exist in the industry. The Committee will also investigate working conditions and entitlements for taxi drivers."

"In addition, the Committee will examine the critical issue of the provision of timely and reliable taxi services for commuters, including the provision of wheelchair-accessible taxis." Mr Ajaka continued "We will consider the performance of the wheelchair accessible fleet and the effectiveness of the Wheelchair Accessible Transport Taxi Driver Incentive scheme."

"The Committee is inviting people to make a submission to the inquiry by Friday 22 January 2010. Several public hearings will be held in early February," said Mr Ajaka. "I encourage all interested people and organisations to contribute to this important inquiry."

Members of the Select Committee are: the Chair, the Hon John Ajaka MLC (Liberal Party), Deputy Chair, the Hon Penny Sharpe MLC (Australian Labor Party), the Hon Trevor Khan MLC (The Nationals), the Hon Greg Donnelly MLC (Australian Labor Party), Ms Lee Rhiannon MLC (The Greens) and the Hon Roy Smith MLC (The Shooters Party).

Information about the Inquiry, including how to make a submission and copies of the terms of reference, are available from the:

- Committee's website - www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/nswtaxiindustry
- Committee secretariat, telephone (02) 9230 2412, or email taxicommittee@parliament.nsw.gov.au

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