



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

FINAL REPORT

The Hon John Ajaka MLC, Chair of NSW Parliament's Select Committee on the NSW Taxi Industry, today tabled the Committee's report into the NSW taxi industry.

Mr Ajaka said 'The key message from this inquiry is that despite recent progress with reforms to the licensing framework, there remains significant need for further reform to create a competitive and viable taxi industry that can meet the needs of all its stakeholders. This report contains 59 recommendations that aim to facilitate this change.'

The Committee's recommendations include:

- limiting the number of licences an applicant, or related applicants, can receive in future licence allocations, to one
- disqualifying individuals or entities that currently own 10 or more licences from participating in future licence allocations
- establishing a public register of licence owners to allow for a clearer understanding of industry dynamics
- establishing an independent regulator to monitor administration and enforcement of the regulatory framework
- disaggregating performance related data on the basis of taxi network, geographic area and time of day
- increasing the value of both the Taxi Transport Subsidy Scheme and Taxi Driver Incentive Scheme.

Mr Ajaka continued to say 'The Committee was concerned about the dual role played by taxi networks as both regulator and service provider, and believes that reform is needed to dilute the influence that some networks have on the industry. The Committee further considers that greater emphasis should be placed on providing taxi drivers with support and opportunities to pursue satisfying careers in the industry.'

A list of the Committee's recommendations is attached. The report is on the Committee's website www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/nswtaxiindustry.

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