



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE NO. 6 – TRANSPORT AND CUSTOMER SERVICE

## MEDIA RELEASE

# UPPER HOUSE HEARINGS COMMENCE INTO TAXI INDUSTRY REGULATION

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An Upper House committee will hear from regional and metro taxi operators on the regulatory framework of the taxi industry at a virtual hearing on Wednesday 19 August 2020.

Portfolio Committee No. 6 – Transport and Customer Service launched its inquiry into the operation of the *Point to Point Transport (Taxis and Hire Vehicles) Act 2016* in March 2020. With a focus on the taxi industry, the committee is examining the industry's system of bailment, the industry assistance package and Passenger Service Levy, the value of taxi plates, and the role and function of the Point to Point Transport Commissioner.

Committee Chair, Ms Abigail Boyd MLC, said: "There is no doubt that the taxi industry has experienced significant disruption in recent years. This week's hearing will give the committee a valuable opportunity to hear directly from regional and metro taxi operators who have been affected, and to hear their thoughts on the point to point regulatory framework that has been in place for the last four years."

The Chair continued: "The committee will also hear from organisations supporting people with a disability on the accessibility of taxis and rideshare services."

A second hearing will be held in September 2020 to hear from other stakeholders including the NSW Government and Point to Point Transport Commissioner.

More information about the inquiry is available on the committee's [website](#).

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