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UPPER HOUSE HEARINGS INTO TAXI INDUSTRY REGULATION CONTINUE

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The NSW Government and Point to Point Commissioner will be questioned at an upcoming Upper House hearing into the point to point regulations this Friday 25 September 2020.

This will be the second hearing for the inquiry into the operation of the *Point to Point Transport (Taxis and Hire Vehicles) Act 2016.* Portfolio Committee No. 6 – Transport and Customer Service launched its inquiry in March 2020 to focus on the taxi industry, and in particular 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: "At its first hearing, the committee heard from regional and metro taxi operators who have been affected by recent disruption to the taxi industry. This week the committee welcomes the opportunity to question the NSW Government and the Point to Point Commissioner on the point to point regulations which have been in place for the last four years."

The committee will also hear from other stakeholders including the NSW Taxi Council, individual taxi owners and rideshare services. Members of the public can watch the hearing via the NSW Parliament's website.

More information about the inquiry is available on the committee's <u>website</u>.

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