

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE NSW TAXI INDUSTRY

28 January 2010

Mr Reg Kermode Chairman and CEO Cabcharge Australia Ltd PO Box 700 Paddington NSW 2021

Dear Mr Kermode

Re: Inquiry into the NSW Taxi industry

As you may be aware, the Select Committee on the NSW Taxi industry is undertaking an inquiry into the NSW taxi industry. A copy of the Committee's terms of reference is enclosed.

The Committee has resolved to hold hearings in February 2010, and on behalf of the Committee I invite you to give evidence either after 4pm on Wednesday 3 February or on Thursday 4 February 2010. Alternative hearing times are available if you are unable to give evidence on the proposed dates.

I understand that in conversation with the Committee Director your office has raised concerns that any evidence you give before the Committee could prejudice the outcome of current legal proceedings. To address these concerns, the Committee is prepared to hear your evidence in camera, should you accept the Committee's invitation to give evidence. The Committee has also agreed that you may also be accompanied by legal counsel, in an advisory capacity.

Given the short time frame for the Committee's inquiry, I would appreciate your advice as to your availability to attend one of the Committee's hearings by **Monday 1 February 2010**. Please contact the Committee Director, Ms Rachel Simpson on (02) 9230 2898 or <u>Rachel.simpson@parliament.nsw.gov.au</u> to discuss the Committee's invitation.

Yours sincerely

Hon John Ajaka MLC

Committee Chair