

Submission
No 65

INQUIRY INTO NSW TAXI INDUSTRY

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Dear Sir,

It will be a shame if you don't get to read this letter which probably will be vetted by your staff however if a submission was accepted by the committee from a lady complaining about not having her car fixed after a taxi was at fault, the operator refusing to make an insurance claim I think this letter should be digested.

I have read with interest all of the submissions entered for the Inquiry into NSW Taxi Industry. I was a taxi operator for some 40 years.

Years ago propaganda from the Taxi Council Limited was circulated that NSW carried out '**175 million taxi trips per year**' your advisers must believe that figure because you have quoted it in your submission and used the same words as compared to the Taxi Council Limited who have been careful in quoting '**175 million passenger journeys**' implying numerous passengers are travelling in the taxi each journey.

(Lost; a black hat belonging to a man, what is it * a man's black hat or a black man's hat!)

175 million taxi trips per year, **impossible** given that there are 6000 taxis in NSW and the **speed limits** on our roads in this state that the taxi drives upon.

IPART submissions quote figures for trips generated from the Sydney networks which are never over 12 million per annum. Jools in his submissions quote 1 in 5 trips are network generated. Your KPI monthly figures should verify the numbers.

12 million divided into 173 million (giving 500 taxis from the rest of the state 2 million trips)
accounts for 1 in 14 (1 network trip 13 rank and hail)

{Why would any commercially minded taxi operator be compelled to belong to an authorised Network and pay those useless fees for 1 in 14 network generated trips and safety services that are just not guaranteed?}

175 million divided by 6000 taxis gives a total of 29166 trips per taxi per year
560 trips per week

IPART submissions quote about \$17 average fare per trip (to be corrected)

560 trips multiplied by \$17 totals \$9,537 average Gross per week yearly gross \$495,924

(\$28 grand that you are asking per year for a lease is a mere pittance if the gross was correct.)

The ATO figure per Kilometre 2008/2009 is a \$1.10

\$495,924 divided by \$1.10 is 450840 kilometres travelled per year per taxi

450840 divided by 52 is 8670 kilometres per week

168 hours in a week divided into 8670 kilometres gives you an average speed of
51.60 kilometres per hour. Side the scale!

I have to ask * What speed are you doing now?

12 million multiplied by 5 is 60 million taxi journeys per annum, fair estimate of 120 million passengers given my research in 2005 average passengers in any trip was 2.

As far as the other 55 million trips per year you quote please supply their names and addresses!

Regards