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## TAXI FARE METHODOLOGY INQUIRY

The Tasmanian Economic Regulator has been requested to consider and recommend an appropriate method for setting and indexing taxi fares in Tasmania. The inquiry has been requested by the Transport Commission and is being conducted in line with the Terms of Reference issued by the Minister for Finance and endorsed by the Minister for Sustainable Transport.

To assist in the inquiry, the Regulator has engaged the services of the consultancy firm the Centre for International Economics (the CIE).

The Tasmania Economic Regulator has today published its Consultation Paper and the CIE's draft report.

The Consultation Paper and the CIE's accompanying draft report discusses issues associated with the current approach to setting fares and options for future arrangements.

Mr Glenn Appleyard, Chairman of the Tasmanian Economic Regulator, stressed that the inquiry is about determining the methodology for setting taxi fares and is not a fare review. However, Mr Appleyard noted that the information obtained from this inquiry could lead to an improved process for setting taxi fares in the future.

At this stage, the Regulator has not formed any views on whether it is appropriate to change the current approach, but has raised a number of issues and options for public comment and input.

The Regulator therefore invites and encourages all interested parties, to make submissions to the inquiry on the issues highlighted in the Consultation Paper, as well as on any other matter relevant to the Terms of Reference.

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Copies of the Consultation Paper, the Terms  
of Reference and The CIE's draft report are  
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