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MALIK Amir and Sheerazeen
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Dear Amir and Sheerazeen Malik

I am writing to provide you with an update on the Taxi Industry Innovation Review and its outcomes.

Today we announced a set of reforms affecting the taxi and broader on-demand transport industry. We have carefully designed the reforms to increase competition and transport options for all Canberrans, benefit the community through improved services and reduced fares, and reduce regulation and support a more level playing field for the existing industry.

Specifically, the reforms will allow the introduction of ridesharing on 30 October 2015. The reforms will be an Australian first, and Canberra will be the first capital in the world to see ridesharing allowed to operate before ridesharing businesses have entered the jurisdiction.

To ensure that public safety is not compromised, ridesharing vehicles and drivers will undergo accreditation and registration, including appropriate criminal and driving history checks, and vehicle inspections. Specific CTP and property insurance arrangements will also be in place.

What does this mean specifically for owners of Perpetual Plates?

The taxi industry is a vital part of the on-demand transport system in the ACT. We are therefore introducing several measures to make sure that taxis and hire cars continue to play a central role in on-demand transportation. Side by side with this objective we want to minimize the impact of reforms on owners of Perpetual Plates.

With this in mind, we intend to reduce taxi license fees for operators for Government-issued plates, but by 50 per cent in October 2015 and 75 per cent from late 2016 (from current fees). This two-tiered approach is intended to help mitigate the potential effects of the fees on Perpetual Plates.

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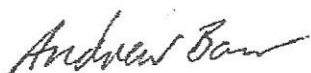
During stage two of reforms, we will reduce existing regulatory requirements and remove unnecessary regulatory prescription and red tape around business standards. These actions are also designed to help the taxi industry compete successfully in a new environment.

We acknowledge that, depending on market response, the reforms may have some impact on Perpetual Plate values. As such we will evaluate the impact of the reforms on plate values and undertake an evaluation of the industry after the launch of reforms to determine whether any changes are warranted. We note that Perpetual Plates have been traded during the Review period with no marked decline in value.

Where to for more information?

For more information on the Review, details of the reforms affecting the current industry, and to view reform documents, please visit: www.act.gov.au/taxi-industry-reforms

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Barr', written in a cursive style.

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