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## **Ground Transport Toll at Sydney Airport**

The Sydney Airport Passenger Taxi Toll will increase from \$2.00 to \$2.50 (Inc GST) from 1 July 2007.

The NSW Taxi Council has today advised members that Sydney Airport has given notification of a rise to all ground transport charges, including taxis, effective from the start of the new financial year.

"The toll has remained the same since its introduction two-and-a-half-years ago, and during that time the Taxi Industry has benefited significantly from improvements to the Holding Bay, additional facilities for drivers, and the introduction of the etag system to stop queue jumpers," said Mr Howard Harrison, CEO, NSW Taxi Council.

"As unpalatable as it is, costs do change, and the most important thing is that we continue to secure value for the charge."

The NSW Taxi Council has a strong working relationship with Sydney Airport and since the introduction of the toll, the following benefits had been secured for taxi drivers:

1. New toilet amenities in the Domestic Terminal holding area and refurbished toilets at the International Terminal holding area.
2. A new food and beverage outlet has been built in the Domestic holding area for drivers.
3. A new taxi holding area in the Domestic precinct is providing greater capacity than the previous area.
4. The Domestic Terminal taxi queuing is multi-lane, similar to the International Terminal which is preferred by drivers.
5. The Airport fueling site has been refurbished and a new operator, UNIGAS, has commenced with a pricing policy of retailing fuel at a competitive rate.
6. The short fare return system has been enhanced.
7. There has been increased vigilance to stop touting by hire car and minibus drivers.
8. T2 and T3 taxi ranks have been enhanced with improved passenger corrals and 10 pick-up spaces at each - a 66% increase in capacity to reduce passenger delays and taxi queuing times.

Mr Harrison said Sydney Airport would soon be displaying posters and providing flyers to ensure that passengers were aware of the increase, and to assist drivers to facilitate the smooth introduction of the toll rise.

"We will continue to work with the Airport to secure benefits for hard working taxi drivers – in particular to gain additional enforcement to stamp out illegal touting by other transport providers," said Mr Harrison.

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