NSW TAXI COUNCIL

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# Taxi Fare Adjustment

The NSW Taxi Council has welcomed the Ministry of Transport's announcement of a fare adjustment to cover increased costs for taxi drivers and operators.

CEO of the NSW Taxi Council, Howard Harrison, said a 6% increase in fares had been recommended by IPART.

The rise, which will take effect from 27 August, will mean an increase of $1.03 for an average urban journey of seven kilometres and 67 cents for an average country journey of three kilometres.

"This adjustment reflects the increases in costs for drivers and operators over the last 12 months. In other words the increase granted today is to cover costs that have already come out of the pockets of drivers and operators.

"The IPART investigation is an extremely thorough one which takes several months and which verifies the cost inputs put forward by the taxi industry before a price rise is granted. This analysis is based on data published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

"Given the pressures on taxi drivers and operators due to fuel and living expenses, the NSW Taxi Council is appreciative of the expeditious manner in which the IPART recommendations have been dealt with by the Director General," said Mr Harrison.

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