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Supporting
the Taxi
Industry



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Acknowledgment of country.

We acknowledge and respect the Traditional Custodians whose ancestral lands we live and work upon and we pay our respects to their Elders past and present. We acknowledge and respect their deep spiritual connection and the relationship that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have to Country. We also pay our respects to the cultural authority of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and their nations in South Australia, as well as those across Australia.

SUPPORTING THE TAXI INDUSTRY

The Taxi industry plays a vitally important role in the economy as well in the overall public transport network in South Australia. For tens of thousands of people who live in the metropolitan area they provide an essential form of everyday transport.

Government restrictions on hospitality, on travel, people needing to work from home or conduct online meetings, and lockdowns has seen travel demand significantly reduced, which has had a profound impact on the taxi industry.

While there has been considerable focus on the hospitality industry, the taxi industry has been impacted just as severely and unlike rideshare vehicles, the costs associated with running a taxi can be thousands of dollars a year more.

It's now been nearly five years since the first of the rideshare companies began operating in South Australia and while the introduction of ridesharing has been enthusiastically welcomed by South Australians, along with the pandemic, an uneven playing field has resulted in some ongoing challenges for the taxi industry.

Labor recognises these challenges and as a first step commits to holding a public review and consultation of the Passenger Transport Act to better define and

enforce the requirements for a taxi licence and the enforcement of rules and regulations including but not limited to the meaning of "plying for hire in a public street".

The government have conducted a review but to date have refused to release any of the findings, claiming they are Cabinet in Confidence.

The level the playing field a Malinauskas Labor Government will significantly reduce the cost of Compulsory Third Party with a CTP assistance payment.



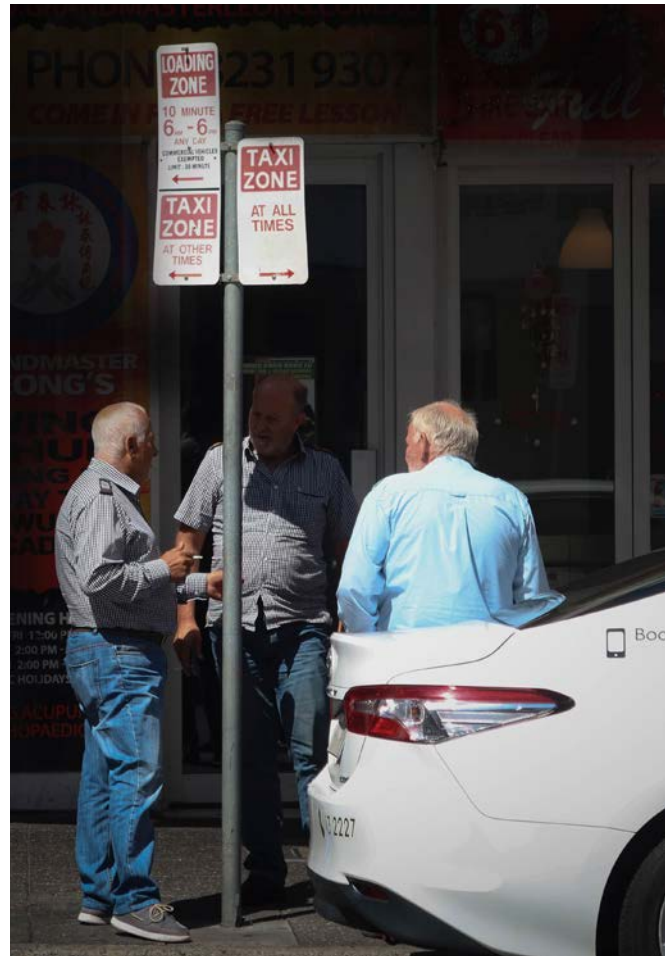
Peter Malinauskas MP
SA Labor Leader



CUTTING CTP FOR TAXIS

Each eligible taxi license owner or operator will be entitled to receive a \$3092.41 rebate for CTP premiums paid between 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022 and 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023 (maximum of two payments per taxi license).

This will result in a reduction in Compulsory Third Party (CTP) premiums for taxis to the same level as those paid by rideshare operators for two financial years, while the independent regulator conducts an investigation into the point-to-point transport sector and the appropriate CTP framework as in other models across the nation.



THIS WILL SAVE TAXI OPERATORS \$6184 OVER TWO YEARS AT A TOTAL COST OF \$7.1 MILLION

	Taxis Current	Taxis with Rebate	Rideshare/ Chauffeured
Insurance Premium CTP	\$3,467.82	\$3,467.82	\$659.36
Lifetime Support Payment	\$492.68	\$492.68	\$208.73
CTP Rebate	N/A	\$3,092.41	N/A
Impact	\$3,960.50	\$868.09	\$868.09

Additionally,

A Malinauskas Labor Government will:

- ✓ Establish a quarterly Transport Minister’s meeting with the Taxi Council.
- ✓ Reintroduce the Government-funded managed taxi ranks.
(Cost: \$860,000 over 4 years)
- ✓ Strengthen compliance activity with five new dedicated inspectors to monitor and enforce the Passenger Transport Act, including penalties for breaches, including:
 - ▶ Enforcing all taxi and rideshare vehicles in service are road-worthy.
 - ▶ Ensuring drivers meet zero blood alcohol when operating; and
 - ▶ Ensuring drivers have the appropriate clearances and training
- ✓ Provide for clear identifiable signage for taxi ranks and enforce strong penalties for non licensed taxis using ranks.
(Cost: \$2.2 million over 4 years)
- ✓ Improve the regulatory standards of all taxis and rideshare to ensure safety, cleanliness, sustainability of the taxi industry while improving value of licences.

To achieve this Labor will, in its first year in office, immediately conduct a review of the Passenger Transport Act to better define and enforce the requirements for a taxi licence and the enforcement of rules and regulations. This will include, but is not limited to, the meaning of “plying for hire in a public street”, a review of training and all other relevant matters for the industry.

That review will report to the Minister no later 6 months from initiation.

- ✓ Allow taxi replacements to be deferred during the current supply chain issues for new vehicles for taxis on an application basis.
- ✓ Extend the working life of all Access Cab vehicles to 10 years.



