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REVIEW OF TAXI FARES

Notice of Reference under Division 9 of the **Transport Act 1983**

I, Bob Cameron MP, Acting Minister for Transport give notice that in accordance with the provisions of section 186 of the **Transport Act 1983**, I have asked the Essential Services Commission to conduct an investigation into taxi-cab fares and report on:

- i. the appropriateness of the level of each component within the existing fare structure;
- ii. whether the fare components should be varied and the magnitude of such variations; and
- iii. a potential process for dealing with future fare variations including timing of future fare reviews.

In its investigation and report, the Commission is to have regard to the following factors:

- iv. the impact on Victorian business and the community including the impact of any proposed variations to taxi fares on the availability and affordability of taxi services to consumers;
- v. the impact on the taxi industry, including licence holders, assignment holders, drivers and employees, and
- vi. regional issues, including accessibility of services in regional Victoria.

The following directions have been given under section 186 (4) of the Act:

In conducting the investigation the Commission should have regard to the objectives in section 8 of the **Essential Services Commission Act 2001** where relevant;

except as otherwise directed by the terms of reference, the Commission is to conduct the investigation in a manner as described in section 187 of the **Transport Act 1983**; and

the Commission is to submit its report to the Minister for Transport by 30 June 2005.

Dated 18 March 2005

BOB CAMERON MP
Acting Minister for Transport

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