# **CT versus Taxis**

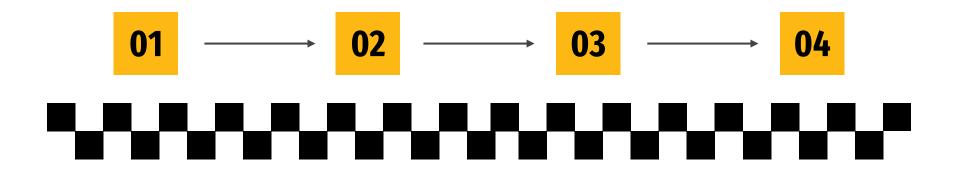
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Its time for a change

# Transport is a state responsibility, are the states abdicating their responsibility?



Is CT propping up an industry that doesn't care Are tax payers funds being utilised effectively

Study notes

Impacts



#### State and Territory Responsibility

Responsible for the issues that effect people in that state or territory

Public transport which includes community transport.

Schools

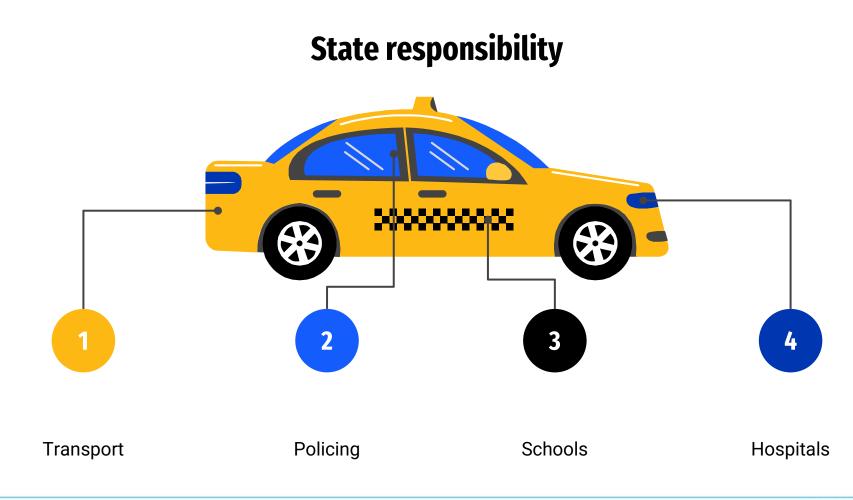
Hospital

Policing

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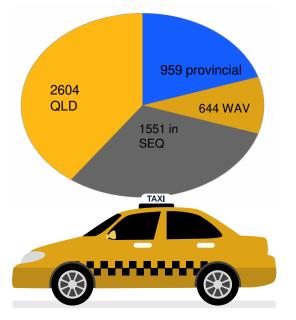




#### Taxi snapshot Qld



Provided exclusive kerbside at sporting events, concerts, city and airports.



Taxi subsidy scheme that CT providers cannot access.





Going backwards in consumer sentiment.

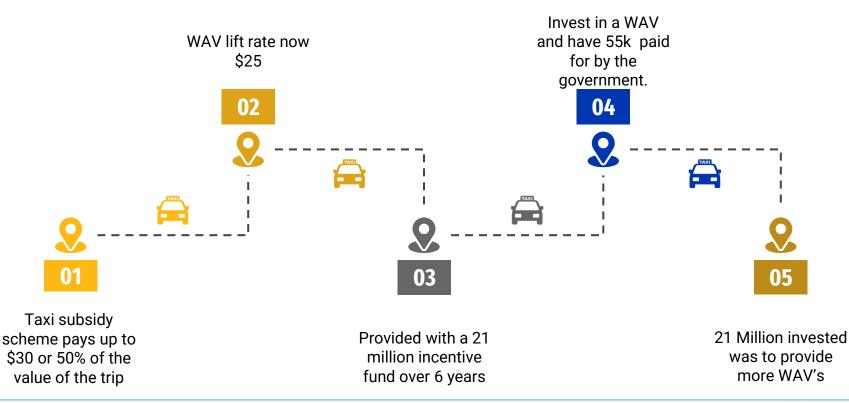
Losing work to CT providers due to unreliability.





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#### Tax payer funded Taxis QLD





#### So how many additional wheelchair taxis did we get

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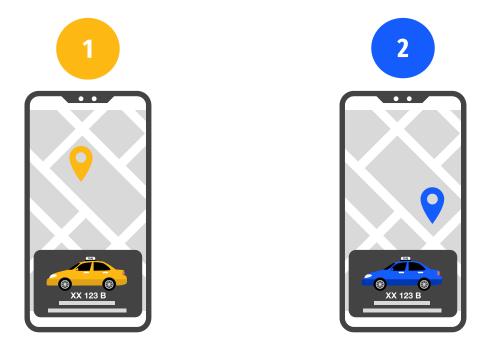
2 more WAV across the entire state of QLD



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#### Taxi money well spent???



So how many more WAV did we get for our 21 million

2 more WAV across the entire State

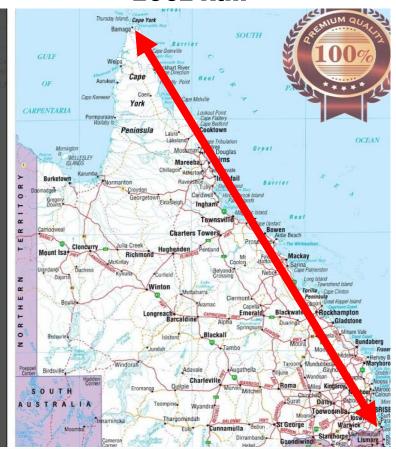


Yep that's right 2





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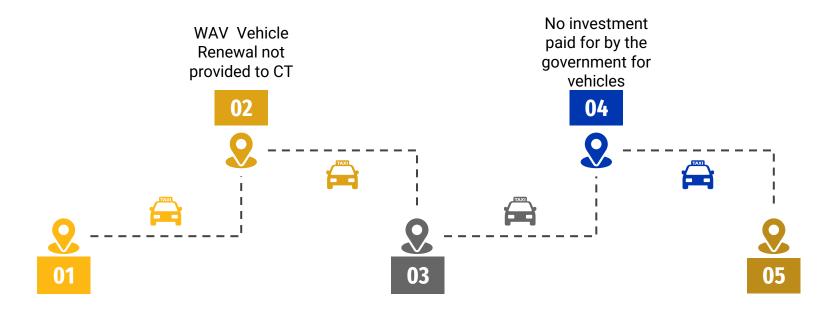








#### Tax payer funded CT providers



Paid a flat rate to deliver services

Adhoc growth fund capped at 250k which will get you 2.29 WAV CT providers fund their own vehicles.

### **Taxi Complaints**

#### Picked up if your lucky

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Pick up time can be hours late or not even turn up . If your in a wheelchair at a rank there are many instances where the WAV will drive off.



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#### **Taxi Information**

Very difficult to obtain taxi data from TMR

In the past 5 years that the WAV funding has been running, only 145 of the 633 WAV have been updated

Only 22% of the fleet has been upgraded

78% have not been and most would be in a very poor state.



#### **CT Study On Wheelchair lifts**

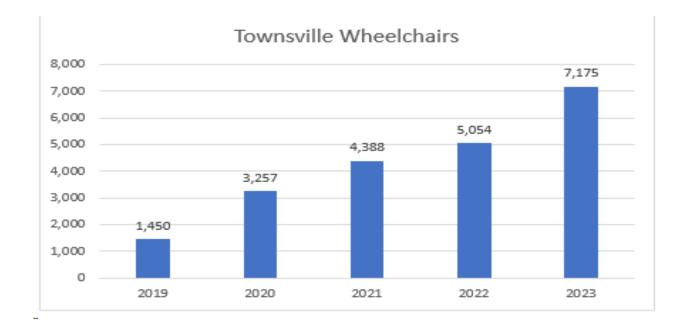


There has been an increase of 123% of lifts conducted by CT

There has been an increase of 363% of lifts conducted by CT

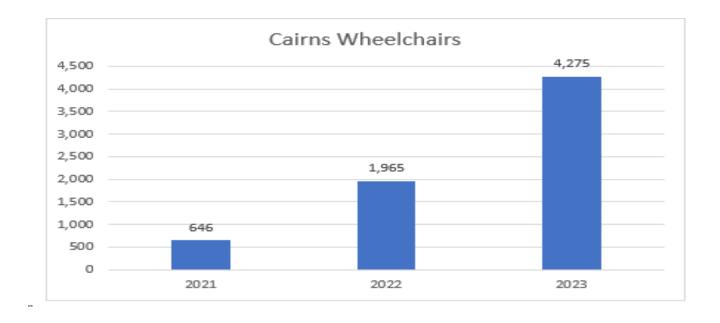
There has been an increase of over 500% of lifts conducted by CT

### Townsville



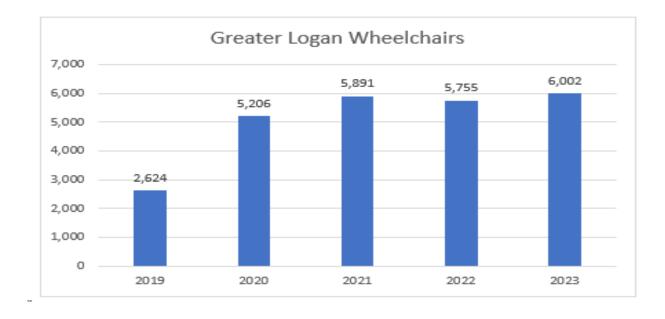


#### Cairns



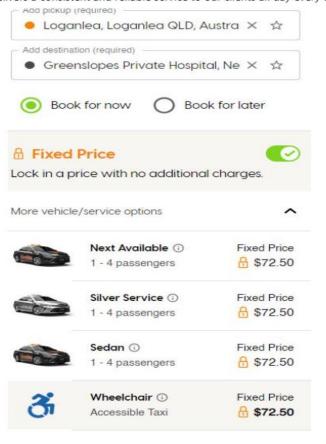


#### Brisbane





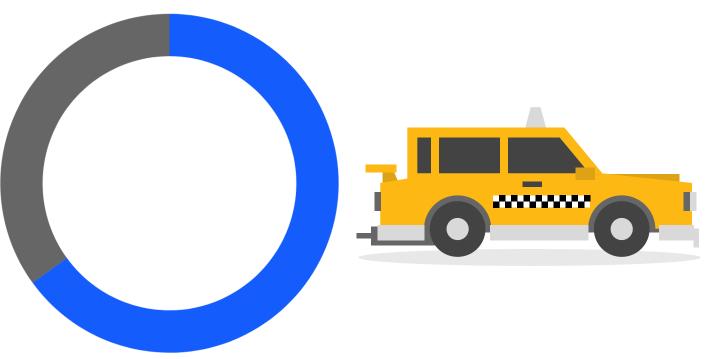
Then add \$25 from the government. Community transport gets less than half that rate yet delivers a consistent and reliable service to our clients all day every day.



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#### What do Community Transport get?



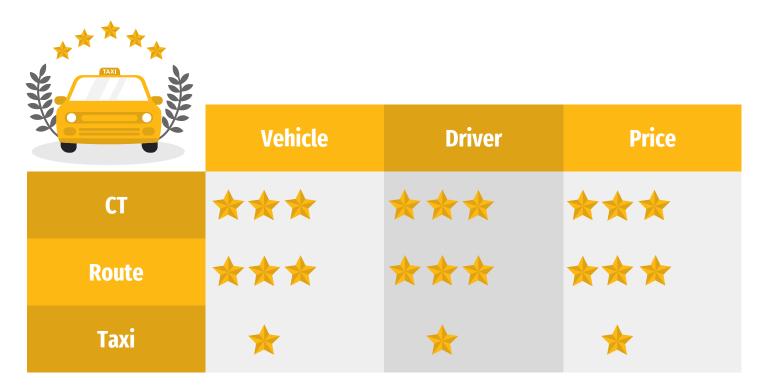


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#### Doughnuts



#### **Client Feedback**





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## Future Licensing Review Part 1 – Review Background

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#### **Scope of the Review**

No changes are proposed in relation to the types of trips that taxis provide or maximum fare regulation.

Customer satisfaction with ride-booking services remains very high.

The exception here is that the ride-booking sector lacks wheelchair accessible services.

In relation to access to the TSS, the lift fee and grants for accessible vehicles, and the need for changes to these, are being considered as part of the Accessibility Program that was established following the Ministerial Roundtable in February 2023.



## Future Licensing Review Part 2 – Future Options

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#### Support the Government's social justice objectives

The supply of conventional and WAT licenses in each taxi service area would remain capped

TMR would have the ability to prioritise the issuing of WAT licenses under this option and we consider that there would be some minor improvements in service levels

As such, there is a risk that WAT supply and service levels for passenger with disability would not improve or could get worse.



## Future Licensing Review Part 3 – Impact Analysis

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|                              |  | Criteria, indicato   | ors and measure  | S                                     |  |  |
|------------------------------|--|--|--|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| Level of Service Acc         |  |  | cess   | Social o                              | bjectives  |  |
| 1. Trip levels               | Annual<br>demand for<br>taxi trips                               | 1. Taxi to customer ratio Ratio of taxis to overall population |  | 1. WAT to<br>senior<br>population     | Ratio of<br>WATs to 65+<br>population                    |  |
| 2. Vehicle<br>utilisation    | % of taxis<br>used to<br>provide<br>passenger<br>trips           | 2. Fare<br>affordability                                       | Hours worked<br>at avg. weekly<br>wage to pay<br>for avg. taxi<br>fare | 2. WAT to<br>disability<br>population | Ratio of<br>WATs to<br>disability<br>population          |  |
| 3. Dead<br>running           | Amount of<br>driving<br>outside taxi<br>service area<br>boundary | 3. Customer<br>wait times                                      | Average wait<br>time for<br>booked trips                               | 3. Trips not<br>provided              | % of booked<br>trips<br>requested<br>but not<br>provided |  |
|                              |  | Level o  | f change   |                                       |  |  |
| Substantial changes Improvem |  | nt or Decline  | Limited change   |                                       |  |  |
| 20% + positive or negative 5 |  | 5% to 20% pos  | 5% to 20% positive or negative   |                                       | Within 5% of baseline                                    |  |
| Positive change              |  | Negative change  |  |                                       |  |  |

### Criteria, indicators and measures

*For the social objectives criteria,* three indicators were used to assess this:

- WATs to senior population.
- WATs to disability population and cancellations and rejections.
  WATs to senior population is the ratio of WATs to the population aged over 65, using population data from the Queensland Government Statistician Office.
- WATs to disability population is the ratio of WATs to the population with a disability, using population data from the Queensland Government Statistician Office.

Not once does it provide any reference to wait times for people in wheelchairs.



# Impact analysis: social objectives

Table 4 outlines results for the last criteria, Social Objectives.

Table 4 Expected impacts across the options: social objectives

|                              | Option A  | Option B1/B2 | Option C       | Option D       |
|------------------------------|-----------|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| WAT to senior population     | Decline   | Decline      | Limited change | Limited change |
| WAT to disability population | Decline   | Decline      | Limited change | Limited change |
| Trips not provided           | No change | No change    | Limited change | Limited change |



#### Conclusion

Taxi industry is still being run like a cartel.

Not once is the word used COMMUNITY TRANSPORT within the entire 3 parts of the document.

Not once is there a reference to what COMMUNITY TRANSPORT could bring to the table, within the entire 3 parts of the document.

Governments operate in silos and rarely do they talk between each other.

Why has TMR kept COMMUNITY TRANSPORT away from being a participant of the transport roundtable since its inception in Feb 2023?

One can only summarise this as paying back the Taxi industry instead of its core focus on delivering transport services for all constituents.

