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Mr P Baxter  
Commissioner  
Independent Competition and Regulatory Commission  
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Dear Mr Baxter

The Canberra Taxi Proprietors Association (CTPA) and Canberra Cabs welcome the opportunity to make this submission to the Commission on the Issues Paper – Determination of taxi fares for the period 1 July 2004 – 30 June 2007.

As discussed, and agreed at our meeting with the Commission on 10 November 2003, this submission is not restricted by the Issues Paper timelines and is not required to address the detailed statistical information sought by the Issues Paper. An Industry submission with detailed input will be forthcoming in March 2004.

This submission instead reflects the Industry's position on a number of views held by the Commission. For the most part the Industry believes that the weighted cost index developed and used by the Commission over the past two years is flawed in its construction and deleterious in its outcomes for both the Public and the Industry.

Yours faithfully

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Chief Executive