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We the members of Wollongong Radio Cabs would like to make a submission that due to the rising costs of CTP Green Slip insurance, which at the moment stands at \$10,330 through NRMA + \$8728 through Allianz is becoming increasingly difficult for our taxi operators to continue running and providing a cost effective service to the public.

At the moment, here in Wollongong we have a number of vehicles up for lease and due to the high premiums of CTP are becoming increasingly difficult to find lessees to operate licences. With several current lessee operators handing back their plates to owners due to the high cost. One question we would like to ask insurers, as we are paying these premiums, why they have not with statistical information regarding CTP claims against taxis. This way it will justify to the operators who are paying the absorbent premiums and not base it on the taxi category as a high risk when it may not be.

Certain claims may be alcohol related as it may be the only form of transport available late at night which could account for excessive number of claims. The insurer should have a duty of care to which the claim is against and notify the policy holder that there is a claim made against them.

As for the point to point (rideshare) vehicles, they are providing the same type of service as a taxi, conveying passengers, and then they should be made to pay the same premiums as the taxi operators.

In summary we are hoping the SIRA will take great consideration in our submission as well as all others in finding a solution that will be fair to all point to point transport services as they are providing the same service as a taxi, hire car and private hire vehicle conveying passengers.

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