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Attention: Mr Jason Byrne

Dear Ms Arnaud

Review of Taxi Authorisations - Notices Proposing to Revoke Authorisations A90441, A90448, A90531, A90449, A90447, A90463, A90455, A40047, A90498, A40071, A90472

I write in response to your letters of 7 May and 17 June 2004 to Mr John Steele, Transport SA, Department of Planning and Urban Planning, regarding the above matter. Your letter has been passed to me as the agency within the Department that deals with Taxi Policy and Regulation.

Further to a telephone conversation on Friday 25 June 2004 between Mr Jason Byrne of the Australian Competition & Consumer Commission (ACCC) and Mr Karl Mortimer of my Office, I confirm that the Office of Public Transport, Department of Transport and Urban Planning, does not have any issue with the ACCC revoking the authorisation limiting credit (e.g. to Cabcharge) accepted by taxi companies in South Australia. As taxis now have EFTPOS facilities and can accept a range of credit cards from passengers, revoking the authorisation is appropriate. The Office of Public Transport has not received any negative feedback from the industry on the matter.

Thank you for informing the Department of Transport and Urban Planning of your intentions and providing an opportunity for comment.

Yours sincerely,

Heather Webster
Executive Director

