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Proposed Taxi Levy Discriminates against non-Darwin Residents

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“Not only is this proposed $1 - $1.30 taxi levy to cover the loss in Government revenue from Uber unfair on the taxi industry – it directly discriminates against taxi customers who live outside of the greater Darwin area” said the Independent Member for Araluen, Mrs Robyn Lambley.

“Uber have said they will not be providing a service outside of the Darwin area because the population is too small. The Government is proposing a taxi levy on all taxi services across the Northern Territory to cover the loss of revenue from their introduction of Uber in Darwin. This is blatantly unfair. Why should people across the Northern Territory pay for Uber in Darwin?”

“The Government has placed themselves in a corner on this issue. They have promised Uber in the NT. The loss of Government revenue from Taxi licenses is estimated to reduce from $4m to less than $1m. Now they are trying to think up ways to cover this loss.”

“For people living outside of the Uber zone in Darwin, we should not have to pay one extra cent to cover this Government mess. It is an example of policy on the run. The Government did not think through the implications of introducing Uber on Government revenue. Making Taxi customers across the Northern Territory to pay for Uber in Darwin is totally unacceptable” said Mrs Lambley.

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