APPENDIX D: Letter to Taxi Industry Contacts

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Dear

I am writing to introduce Mr Clive Attwater, Associate Director of SGS Economics and Planning Pty Ltd (SGS) and Mr Ted Wilson, a research assistant with SGS.

The Department of Infrastructure, Energy and Resources (DIER) has engaged SGS to undertake a review of wheelchair accessible taxi (WAT) services in Tasmania.

As part of the review, SGS will be conducting a series of phone interviews with WAT operators and drivers, radio rooms and operators of standard taxis to ascertain the industry's perceptions on the operation of WATs. SGS has also consulted with disability advocacy groups and WAT users to seek information about aspects of mobility including the degree of support and assistance provided to users, courtesy, safety and convenience.

You can expect to be contacted by SGS within the next two weeks. I would encourage you/your organisation to take advantage of this opportunity to provide input into the review of WAT services.

If you would like further information on the review please contact Ms Barb Dunford, Senior Policy Analyst, Passenger Transport Policy Branch, on (03) 6233 2865 or by email barb.dunford@dier.tas.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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