

Hi, my name is Michael Beck. One of the WAT vehicle taxi drivers. I have been driving WAT for five years. Me and my other colleague know about three WAT drivers refused to do any WAT jobs because too much of muck around with straps and safety belts to put on. Minimum three minutes to do it up. All they want is to do big jobs like 5 people or more with Tariff 4, mainly from airport to CBD. Nothing else. More money.

For another example, a WAT vehicle sat in the city and a WAT job came up in North Hobart, (next to city) going to West Hobart. They won't do it and disguise from the WAT job. Because it is too short and mainly time consuming. Putting on the straps and the safety belt. Also same to any radio operator from a taxi company, the radio operator will know a reliable WAT driver, to do the WAT job than those won't do it. Me and my colleague had a lot of problem from other WAT drivers in the past. Just sitting on the rank, do nothing and not helping an elder woman from a nursing home who got an appointment to the doctor in a wheelchair. Running late as well where me or another, have to come from way out from the middle of nowhere, to get there and help this elder woman out.

This proposal or amendment of this bill is very good to my opinion. This will solve most of the problem to all WAT vehicles. But what happens to a part-time WAT driver like me, working four days a week and still have to make 30 WAT per month or can I do less. Also I like the increase from \$10 to \$20 which is good.

Here is an example and I wonder what will happen to his story. A daughter and mother called a WAT vehicle. The driver picked them up and dropped off their destination point. The mother hasn't got Transport Access Scheme card and her daughter paid the fares. How that works. But the driver told his boss that he had a WAT job and not listed in Transport Access Scheme card or don't have one.

Regards
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