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Toot toot to the Treasurer's terrible taxi tax

Today's commencement of the taxi tax hails another bad economic decision by the Labor government.

All Territorians and tourists will be slugged an additional \$1.00 per ride across taxi, minibus, private hire and ride sharing experiences, regardless of whether the ride sharing option is available in their community or not.

Leader of the Opposition, Gary Higgins said this increased cost of living is another example of an economically inept decision by Labor.

"The Ridesharing Steering Committee position paper states that \$4 million is required every year to cover the cost of regulating and developing the Commercial Passenger Vehicle Industry in the Territory.

"That \$4 million gap will now need to be offset by the taxi tax, which at \$1.00 per ride, will mean more than 10,900 rides every day of the year are needed just to offset that budget cut.

"This is simply a cost shifting exercise at the expense of Territorians, and again, a service not available in remote or regional areas of the Territory," said Mr Higgins.

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