

Statement from Commission for Taxi Regulation

The Commission cannot condone any protest which causes inconvenience to potential customers or other road users. It also expects those taking part to respect the right of drivers who wish to continue to work.

Whilst the Commission accepts that members of the industry have a right to express their views in this manner, it cannot and will not, be influenced by such action. Recent and planned future industrial action is counterproductive and succeeds only in giving a negative impression of the industry to consumers and causing drivers and operators to lose income.

The Commission remains committed to undertaking those planned reforms of the industry that are within its remit and utilising the statutory consultation process along the way. Industry representative groups are invited to and do participate in these consultation processes, and the Commission firmly believes that this is both the correct and most constructive way in which to put forward their views.

All the recommendations of the Goodbody Economic review such as the fast tracking of planned reforms of the industry, including the driver skills development programme and new vehicle standards, are currently under consideration. The Commission has begun a consultation process with industry and consumers on these recommendations. Written submissions are being accepted until Tuesday May 5th.

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