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## Taxi Strike Condemned

The strike planned by some taxi drivers protesting over the WA Governments effort to improve taxi availability for morning travellers is ridiculous.

AHA CEO Bradley Woods said the strike was disappointing considering Hotels were just starting to see improvements in taxi availability.

“Over the past three to four weeks since the increase in availability of peak period taxis in the 5.00 – 9.00 am morning drive time, hotels had seen less guests missing flights and important morning meetings as there were more taxis available.”

The Western Australian Government extended the availability of peak period taxis to address the large number of travellers and commuters not being able to get transport at critical times for airport transfers, hospital appointments and morning meetings.

Mr Woods said Tourists and visitors to the city have also seen an improvement in taxi availability and confidence in the taxi service is starting to return.

“The AHA, State Government and other tourism organisations all recognise and predict tourism and commercial visitation numbers to continue to rise in 2008, meaning there is plenty of work for all taxi drivers,”

“The AHA understands that real balance for drivers to remain commercially viable is an issue to be addressed as part of the big picture.

“The State Government was right to extend hours for peak period taxis and under no circumstances should we go backwards.”

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