

To whom it may concern,

I am writing today about how the Uber Company has affected my circumstances with the Victorian taxi and hire industry.

Ever since Uber took over I have struggled a great deal. Here is a list of how it has affected family as well as my living circumstances and me.

- Ever since Uber took over my taxi business was affected immediately I had to let go of my workers causing them to be left with no work as well as risking my only asset and business
- I was working at least 10 hour a day trying to cover shifts and save money that I was losing and unable to find any workers and losing working scared off by the new Uber Company
- Last couple of years I have only been able to pay interest payments to my taxi plate unable to afford anymore further fees
- I was out of work for at least 8 months struggling with all income situations
- It put a lot of stress on my family and me afraid that I will not be able to cater for my families needs
- It affected me emotionally and physically I started drinking every night I wasn't unable to concentrate on anything due to constantly worrying about all my debt and expenses I am yet to pay
- I have lost my only asset I put all my effort and time into constantly relying on it to be a business and worthwhile asset
- I lost money and time investing myself into my taxi plate and relying on it. Now I am older and therefore hard for me to find work due to age and experience
- Disappointed that the government made empty promises about taxi plates being a good investment
- Lost many opportunities such as work or real assets that could of held value and given me profit rather then debt
- It has been almost 2 years and I still am trying to recover everyday still in so much debt
- It was an empty asset that has caused endless disappointment and struggle
- Not only has this affected me and my family but many others I know including friends and fellow workers of the taxi industry I know many friends who are struggling

We need the government to realize that they need to help people struggling with financial hardship due to the Uber industry.

Kindest Regards

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