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Subject: Taxi inquiry-attn., Rod Barton
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Dear Rod

I am writing in response to request for submissions to the Taxi Inquiry.
I am a retiree, aged 79years.

Quite some years ago when I lost my business and virtually everything, instead of going on the dole , I took a risk and borrowed a lot of money to purchase a Taxi Licence.

Over a period of approximately eight(8) years I lived very frugally and worked very hard (up to 15 hours a day) to pay back the bank loan and get back on my feet,(which I am very proud to say I did).

I had always worked hard as I didn't want to be dependent on the Government. The taxi, which later was assigned was to provide security for our desire to be self funded retirees and not to be reliant on a government pension or other services.

There is no need for me to go into all the details that lead to the decimation of the taxi industry and the compulsory acquisition of mine(1 licence and others taxi licences).

This situation reminded my wife and myself of the communist government that nationalised her family's farm in the USSR.

I always believed that in a "Democratic Society" property could only be acquired at a fair price.

Not only have we lost a major asset from our super fund but also a major part of our income

I invested in a Victorian Government licence in good faith and what the Andrews Government did (such as allowing companies to operate illegally), has caused great anguish, stress, financial and health issues for both my wife and myself.

Thank you for all the effort and energy you are putting in to endeavour to bring about a fair resolution for the the FORMER TAXI INDUSTRY.

We have always supported you in the past and will continue to support you in the future.

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