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To whom this may concern,

I am writing this today to inform you about the detriment that the reforms have caused my family and I, over this testing period. Prior to the reforms I owned and operated a taxi, purchasing a license for \$520000 in 2009. Looking in retrospect the decision seemed legible however after the events that transpired it seems to have caused a great deal of stress upon my family and I. It has financially ruined any of my future plans of retirement with the aforementioned cost being a significant portion of my superannuation. I still owe up to \$516000 for my house and taxi and with my older age it seems as if this amount will be looming upon me forever. In addition to this it has mentally and physically drained me whilst being difficult to undertake daily operations as an ongoing taxi operator. Not to mention the lack of business that has come to fruition since the rise of uber, once again crippling my financial options. Having applied for the fairness fund two years ago I thought at least some compensation would result, however my application was rejected without a sufficient reply being provided upon why such a result was attained. Even though I still have impending loans worth over \$500000, I was unable to be even receive a cent! I have experienced sleepless nights worrying about the adversity regarding my financial state and if in future I will still be able to provide the bread for my family. Ever since the reforms my earnings have plummeted due to the superfluous amount of competition from not only other taxis but ride sharing apps that have only recently come to prominence. To put this into numbers less than 50% of my daily income currently compared to that of before ridesharing apps were legalised. An upsetting reality is that many of my colleagues received payments from the fairness fund even after paying a similar or fewer amount than I did to purchase a taxi license. This UNfairness demonstrates the lack of thought put in to making such life changing decisions. This gives me the sense that I was robbed of my savings whilst others who were not as deeply impacted were compensated far greater amounts which I view as unequal. My wife and I were planning to retire in the forthcoming years however that seems like a bleak reality due to the dire circumstances that have occurred since the approval of ridesharing apps. Thus I feel it is the Labor Government who has ripped me off and robbed me of any chances of enjoying a frivolous retirement with my wife as they have already taken away \$420000 from me as well as 50% of my previous income.

Thank you for you time.
Sincerely Jagpal Aujla

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.