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My father passed away in December last year at the age of 88 he was in the Tosi Industry for 60 years of his life. Over the years of hard work long hours away from his family he slowly purchased five licences over the years. He followed all the requirements and laws that governments put in front of him no questions asked played by the rules.

Through his hard work this was his way of securing a future for himself and his family. He was a migrant that came to Australia as a young 20 year old man with nothing just with the clothes he had on his back.

He was able to give his young family a great start in life as well as support his family back home in Cyprus which he never forgot. He instilled great and loyal values into us as children and hope fully we will continue to follow them.

In the last 5 years the Tosi Industry has been in an upheaval and my father was going through the beginning of Alzheimers. He really couldn't understand what was going on within the industry. This was probably a blessing for him. He would have thought I have worked so hard for so many years played by the rules supported my family and know all my assets and wealth have been taken away from me what type of country is Australia.

I am the oldest son he gave one of his licences to me and my brother to support our families. I have been driving and operating this Tosi for 35 years. We also have lost our value of our plate which was our superannuation. I am still driving today barley able to make a living

out of it due to the saturation of the market with so many Taxis on the road as well as Uber cars. I am totally frustrated with the industry both Liberal and Labour governments have not understood our industry at all they have decimated us. Even new players entering the industry are struggling to make a living.

Prior to these Taxis reforms we made a comfortable living out of the industry we played by the rules that governments had put to us. Now it is open slaughter it has destroyed my living on both fronts my income and my value of my licence.

I have an ageing Mother who requires in the near future to be put into a nursing home. My late father was able to provide a place for her. They were both self funded retirees. He was able to do this through hard work and never asking for any assistance from the government.

All we ask for is a fair and equitable acquisition of our licences so we can get on with our lives and not to see our late father's hard work over so many years hasn't been a waste. We have been so much emotional hardship over so many years we need to have peace in our lives and left to get on living again.

Regards
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