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Economy and Infrastructure Committee  
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## **INQUIRY INTO THE COMMERCIAL PASSENGER VEHICLE INDUSTRY ACT 2017 REFORMS**

CONFIDENTIAL – PLEASE MAKE MY STORY PUBLIC WITHOUT MY NAME PLEASE.

Please accept this submission to the Parliamentary Tax Inquiry, following the disappointing and destructive action taken by the Andrews Labor Government, who felt it okay to take away my Assets and my Income.

At the time of the revocation, I had 4 Perpetual Taxi Licences.

- I purchased my first 2 licences back in 1974 approximately \$60K
- The remaining 2 Perpetual Licences I purchase in 1984 for approximately \$148K each.

Please note that back then you could have bought property for around the same price if not less.

Both my wife and I worked extremely hard and at times, we both even worked two jobs in order to be able to pay for the 4 licenses in order to secure our retirement. We borrowed excessively so that we can complete these purchases and from our hard work, we paid out our loans, which were secured against the Perpetual Taxi Licences.

We have 2 children and at the time, as you can appreciate, by having both of us working extremely hard, we missed out on seeing our children grow up as our focus was to provide the best for our family and our future.

Unfortunately, though, The Andrews Government came along, lied to our face and revoked/stole our 4 Perpetual Taxi Licenses. When I looked up in the dictionary what the word “Perpetual” meant, it means FOREVER. So how is it that the Andrews Government felt it their right to steal our hard work and leave us with NO income and NO assets.

This action by the Andrews Government has absolutely crippled us financially and emotionally. My wife is an absolute wreck and what is making it even worse, is we have enquired to obtain some income from Centrelink, however, we have been rejected. The reason they gave is that they see our Taxi Licenses as ASSETS and PROPERTY.

As you are aware the Perpetual Taxi Licences were declared as property by the High Court with Banks lending 100% using the Taxi licences as security. What does this tell you????

The Andrews Government stole my 4 Perpetual Taxi Licences and left us absolutely destitute and begging to find some income.

How un-Australian is this to work your hardest only to have all your hard work stolen from beneath you. This is totally immoral.

- The Andrews Labor government paid ridiculous transition (not compensation) of \$100,000 per licence for the first licence and \$50,000 each per licence for three subsequent licences to a maximum of \$250,000 and a \$1 levy per trip was raised, to cover transition cost. We are all very confused as we cannot work out what it is we were supposed to transition from.

How is it that the Perpetual Licences had different values when they all had the same income. How did the 1<sup>st</sup> Licence differ from the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> and what happened to the rest.... So wrong.

- Daniel Andrews Labor government then proceeded to issuing licences for the nominal fee of \$52.90 and as at 31 January 2019 issued licenses which increased to 11,807 taxi licences and 50,152 hire car licences. How is this fair and how is this sustainable on the road.
- The 'fairness fund' or should I describe it as the "UNFAIRNESS FUND" was established to support the many cases of severe hardship. What a joke and an absolute LIE that. It was the most humiliating process we have ever had to go through. It cost us even more in order to obtain our Accountant's assistance to provide all the necessary paperwork to the Fairness Fund only to be REJECTED. Again note here, there was NO Criteria and NO appeal. The information session we attended which Marnie Williams ran was an absolute disgrace. She had no idea, could not answer questions and just said NO NO NO to everything.

In closing, my wife and I are now faced with basically living on peanuts. We constantly think about anything we are looking at spending. Birthday and Xmas presents are a thing of the past for us now. Centrelink have rejected our application and basically told us to spend the transition money and then try. What a slap in the face for working as hard as we did. How is this Australian.

Shame on this Andrews Government.

Please please help us to get back what is our blood sweat and tears

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