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The Government has a great responsibility to build the transport industry. I respect what the Government has done as I respect all laws. I have never had a speeding ticket in my life and conduct myself appropriately at all times. The Taxi industry however, is now a joke. Taxi driving has become a hobby. Soon all of the professional drivers will be gone and the customers will loose in the long run. This was foreseeable by the industry. I suspect that the State Government of Victoria made its decision to tear down the industry was based on its undervaluing of the economic and social value of the taxi industry to Victoria. I will miss the fun of taxi driving and the enjoyable conversations with the travelling public.

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Q1:Taxi operator and driver

Q2:I am a professional driver of 20 years experience, providing a quality service. It was my intention to continue another 20 years until retirement. Now I am leaving the industry because a quality taxi service is no longer achievable in the current environment. The additional transport providers in Ballarat operate without any regard for our long standing etiquette between drivers. In the past, all drivers worked together in an orderly manner and it was a pleasant and enjoyable job. Now it is dog eat dog. Anything goes because my booking service has no control of drivers operating from other networks. At a general meeting, the manager of my booking service advised all drivers to "steal" jobs so that competing taxis would not get them.

Q3:In the past my taxi was virtually always on the road. However, last year my taxi did not go out one single night. I struggle to find drivers for even the busiest shifts. This financial year's income is less than half of the previous year. This does NOT include my capital loss of \$130,000 as a result of my taxi licence [REDACTED] being revoked.

Q4:The Taxi Service Commission was good as it regulated high standards for the entire industry.

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File2:

File3: