

**Justine Donohue**

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**From:** John Stathis [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 10 July 2019 1:26 PM  
**To:** taxiinquiry  
**Subject:** The effects of the abolishment of my taxi licence

Dear sir/madam,

After living and working in Australia for fifty five years, I decided to invest in the taxi industry for my and my wife's retirement. In the age of 75 I had an income of 65,000\$ a year and with this I had a very comfortable life without being a burden to the government. My life was not extravagant but comfortable for two people. Until the government of Victoria decided to abolish my taxi plate (taxi license) and give me 100,000\$ against the 400,000\$ value of the license at that time, therefore reducing my income below the poverty line, and losing 300,000\$ from the investment. We are 79 years of age, and we have a 31,000\$ a year joint income. Just our medicine bills are 1,600\$ a year plus the medical expenses, and my wife is recovering from cancer. My question to the government is how can we survive with 31,000\$ a year for the remaining of our life? I thought the government is supposed to look after their citizens, and not abandon them, destroying their livelihood in their twilight years.

Kind regards  
John Stathis and Parthenopi Stathis