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To: The Secretary
 Legislative Council
 Economy and Infrastructure Committee
 Parliament House
 Spring Street
 EAST MELBOURNE
 Victoria 3002

WITHOUT PREJUDICE

To Whom It May Concern,

I, [REDACTED] agree to my submission to be made public but **do not** want my name identified at all.

I was 17 years young when I came to this lucky country, I am now 55 years old spending my life here working and raising a family and with the opportunities of reinvesting in this county we did so.

My entire life has changed for the worse since the Victorian Labor Government took away my taxi licence and my income leaving me in complete financial ruin, I am now separated from my husband and family is broken. My health has deteriorated and I suffer from mental illness, anxiety, deprecation & I am seeing a psychiatrist.

When I purchased my taxi licence, I borrowed \$320,000 from the bank, mortgaged my house and used the taxi licence lease per month of \$2200 to repay the bank. On 9th October 2017, my Government that I trusted and voted for, for over 40 years revoked my property (Perpetual taxi licence) from me and stopped my taxi lease income leaving me with no money no compensation at all to repay the bank or to even live like a normal human being.

I have worked for 36 years in this country, paid my taxes and dues to only have my government destroy me overnight. I cannot sleep properly, I find myself crying all the time and at times I think of killing myself. I cannot go shopping like I used to, I am struggling to pay bills and for food. I am sick all the time because I have been robbed from my life. I can't afford gifts for my grandchildren's celebrations so I don't attend. I am embarrassed to go with nothing in my hand.

The Fairness fund did not cover my financial obligation to the bank. Again the government left me in debt. I ask this Daniel Andrews government, is it good government to take my \$320,000 for a licence purchased from the government then to have you take it from me knowing I have a debt for this? Do you know anyone who has spare cash of \$320,000 to pay up front for the licence? NO. So you are well aware that we have taken a high risk of borrowing the money from the bank. How then can you leave us in this debt? I still owe \$90,000 to the bank and I have no income to repay it because you took my income from me. How would you like me to pay? Please explain.

After attending Centrelink, I was treated unfairly for 6 months. They declined me so I reapplied after the government took my life away then Centrelink started paying me an allowance. I applied for disability pension and they rejected me. I supplied them with medical documents proving my mental health and they still declined me. Where is the justice in this? The government has got this wrong too.

I never wanted this life to go to Centrelink. I want my compensation for my property, my health, income and my life back.

The government allowed Uber to illegally trade in our state forcing the taxi industry to decline only to decrease the value of our licences and to force us out with no compensation. This is robbery. I have been robbed. I thought this country

was for its people and families and for the future but it is not. The government forced me out of business in favour of an international corporation like Uber to succeed us. We pay taxes here, we reinvest in this country, we reside in this country, we raise our families in this country. Uber is an international App, who pays nothing here, does not live here, does not pay taxes here, we have more to lose and nothing to gain by having Uber here.

Every taxi driver and ex licence owner must be COMPENSATED FOR ALL THE LOSES.

I have medical certificates to prove my health condition and bank statements to prove my liability.

Kind Regards,

