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Hi,

Please find attached a generic submission which has been written on behalf of some migrant licence owners who did not feel proficient enough to make their own submissions.

I will provide my details but please "withhold my name" from public view.

Thank you and regards,

[REDACTED]

28th June, 2019

To Whom it may concern,

We were Victorian Taxi Licence Owners. We were not born in this country but came here seeking a better life than we had in our country of birth.

We came to this country with not many worldly possessions, but we were willing to work very hard and felt very grateful to make a life here for ourselves and our families.

We did everything right, we followed all the rules of our new country and we worked very hard, we were away from our families for very long hours for many many years working in the taxis.

We were very happy with everything we did, working as taxi drivers saving our money to buy our taxi licences working and paying our way buying our homes and sending our children to school for the education many of us never had.

The thought of the sacrifices we made - not being at many family functions, birthdays, special occasions at school, not having family holidays - we can never get that time again. But we knew we had to work to make a successful business and life.

Many of us applied to the Fairness fund for help because our income and our taxi businesses have been taken from us by the Daniel Andrews government. We gave the fund all the documents they wanted and we waited a very long time to learn our applications were rejected. The government has never given us the reasons why. We still have to pay all the bills that keep coming, We cannot sleep, our families are very sad and unhappy because we are all now living a very difficult and very stressful life.

We came here to Australia in many cases escaping from countries and governments that oppressed its people. We came here to be free and to be happy but we are not free because our taxi licences have been taken from us and now we are oppressed people again.

Thank you.