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Dear Sir/Madame

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to tell you my story ,

Back in 1989 , 30 years ago , I found out that the taxi licence was selling for \$100,000 ( which was equivalent to the median house price in Melbourne or even more , at all times ) .

In the 1990s , the government of the day ( with honorable Jeff Kennett as premiere of Victoria ) was offering the taxi driver of the year , half price taxi licence for \$100,000 ( market price for the taxi licence at that time was \$200,000 ) ,  
So , the government itself was recognising the value of the taxi licence with no doubt , as a real investment and a untouchable property ,  
It was highly regulated , and we have suffered so much pain and nuisance from the VTD .

Why it was so expensive , they said because it's a business , it's a property , it's secure and protected by the government , so I thought it will be good investment and I've decided to buy one , to provide me with income to support my family , and at the same time to help me going through retirement , as self-funded retiree without asking the government for a pension .

It was my superannuation , in fact now after confiscation of my taxi licence by the government MPs , I feel devastated , I live a miserable life now , I don't have the income to support my life expenses or to travel anywhere .

Has anyone of the government MPs ever thought about losing his superannuation and live without it ?

Because of the loss of my income and nearly all my capital , I searched for other venues to subsidize my income , I am not entitled for a pension or health care card , I applied for seniors card , but this card only provide half price tickets for public transport which I don't use , I drive my car , there's no half price for electricity , gas , water or council rates , movies , sporting events , traveling overseas , so it's nothing but useless .

It was even getting worse with the interest rate going down all the time ( once I paid 9% or 10% interest on my loan ) , now the bank will give me only 2.30% interest on my investment .

I understand the digital technology is here , internet , and communication revolution has changed the world , and we should follow , but you can't make unjust law overnight to

strip us of our property without proper and adequate compensation .

Death is just around the corner , I just want to live the rest of my life with dignity and die with dignity , be treated like a human as our constitution says .

I am still thinking and hopeful to get a positive outcome from this ordeal , but I am not optimistic .

Yours sincerely

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