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The Secretary
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INQUIRY INTO THE COMMERCIAL PASSENGER VEHICLE INDUSTRY ACT 2017 REFORMS

CONFIDENTIAL – PLEASE MAKE MY STORY PUBLIC WITHOUT MY NAME PLEASE.

Please accept this submission to the Parliamentary Taxi Inquiry.

My story is as follows –

- My wife and I owned 3 Perpetual Taxi Licences.
- We purchased the first Licence in 1974, the 2nd in 1977 for approximately \$70K and 3rd Licence in around 1992 \$112K.
- We borrowed for all 3 licences from the Bank. At the time, the Banks were using the Licences as security so we never had to use our home as security.

I worked as a Taxi Driver for approximately 45 years and was a very proud Driver and owner of my investment. This was our superannuation, our life, our income. My wife also worked as a seamstress in order to help me so as we could pay off our loan in order for us to be self funded retirees.

Unfortunately though, in 2014 Daniel Andrews took it upon himself to face the entire Industry and encourage us to vote for him as he promised that he would look after us in the Taxi and Hire Car Industry. We unfortunately were foolish enough to believe him.

How can he look us straight in the eyes and then in August 2016 announce that he was about to destroy the entire Industry.

Daniel Andrews and Jacinta Allan are responsible for destroying our lives.

We are now left with NIL income and NIL assets which were declared property by the High Court.

The Andrews Labor government paid disgraceful transition (not compensation) of \$100,000 per licence for the first licence and \$50,000 each per licence for three subsequent licences to a maximum of \$250,000 and a \$1 levy per trip was raised, to cover transition cost

How did the 1st Licence differ from the 2nd, 3rd and 4th and what happened to the rest.... .

Daniel Andrews Labor government has from their actions absolutely flooded the roads and the market with cheap licences. The roads are absolutely congested. From my understanding taxis and ride share are now over the 62,000 mark. How is this sustainable and smart. ITS NOT.

The 'fairness fund' or as described the "UNFAIRNESS FUND" was established to support the many cases of severe hardship. What a joke and an absolute LIE.

We attended the information session that Marnie Williams and KPMG hosted. What an insult to wound and a joke that was. They could not answer any of our questions and all they kept saying was

"NO CRITERIA AND NO APPEAL"

As a result of this circus act on the day at the so called information session, we left this session and did not apply. It was evident that we would never have been successful especially when they could not answer questions and could not give us the criteria...

What this has caused is my wife suffers severe depression but for me, this caused me to have heart condition. From the stress, I was monitored by my doctor and this resulted in me having to have a stint placed in my heart.

How is this fair. My wife and my children check on me constantly as does the Industry to make sure I am okay, which I am NOT.

We are not asking for much just our money back. Andrews Government bought out all the houses for East West Link and did nothing and now even knocking back the \$4Billion from Federal Government, he obviously does not need the money so I suggest that he accepts this \$4Billion and pays out all the Taxi & Hire Car Industry in Victoria that he destroyed.

I am asking in fact, I am begging that you please help get our money back. This has not been fair.

Please help us.

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