

To the Economy and Infrastructure Committee

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Dear Sir/Madam

We, the lessee of the Metropolitan Fixed Term Licences (MF Licences) would like to submit our case for consideration as follows:

1- In 2010 the Victorian Labour government leased out annual Taxi licences for \$28,000.00/year, and 200 Metropolitan fixed term ten years licences for \$180,000.00/10 years paid upfront.

2- In 2012-2013 the Liberal Government of Victoria assigned Mr. Alen Feles to undergo a study into the Taxi Industry, and thereby to reform the Taxi Industry. Based in his findings Mr Alen Feles put forward 139 recommendation, the Three most important out of these 139 recommendations are as follows:

- a) For the lessee of the Ten years fixed term licences to extend their lease to 15 years without any additional payment
- b) For the Government to release a new unlimited number of annual licences for \$20,000.00/year
- c) For the Wheel Chair Taxis (WAT) to reduce their lease from \$28,000.00/year to \$16,000.00/year

3- However, after reviewing Alen Feles recommendations the Government come up with the following legislation

- a) Increase the lease for the annual licences from 20,000.00/year to 22,000.00/year
- b) Reduced the 15 years for the fixed term lease to 12 years, and the reason for that being they increased the annual licences from \$20,000.00/year to \$22,000.00. Even the Two extra years can only be available if we agree to convert the licence from MF (Metropolitan fixed term licence) to MA (Metropolitan Annual).
- c) Most of us agreed to convert and signed the contract, accordingly we have given the extra two years and we have

also given a certificate which certifies that we are now lessee of MA licence.

4-Recently the Government decided to allow Uber (ride share company) to operate in Victoria consequently, the Taxi Industry in Victoria will be deregulated.

5-The Government in their web site put a proposal of how much money are going to compensate the different Taxi operators and it is as follows:

- a) Taxi Licence owners \$100,000.00 for the first Taxi licence and \$50,000.00 for the second one the third and the fourth
- b) VHA (hire cars) \$25,000.00 first Licence and Second One 12.000.00
- c) MF (Metropolitan Fixed Term Licences) 10 years paid upfront \$33,750
- d) Annual Licences they will get a refund for the unused time of the year

Facts that Should considered

- 1- We, the lessee of the MF licences are the ones who paid the largest amount of money ever to the government, which is \$180,000.00
- 2- We are not asking for compensation, what we are just asking a rebate for unused money for the term of the contract
- 3- For those of us who converted to the Annual Licences should get the rebate of the remaining years calculated annually i.e. number of years remaining multiplied by annual lease which is \$23,000.00
- 4- We also want to put into your attention that most of us barrowed this sum of money from the bank against our family houses, and increasingly becoming difficult to service the debt due to drastic drop in the income because of Uber

I hope you will consider our situation fairly.

We are happy to attend the hearing scheduled for next Tuesday 23rd of May 2017

Representatives of MF licences

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