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By email [REDACTED]
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Dear Minister

Commercial Passenger Vehicle Industry Bill 2017 (Bill)
Our client: Victorian Taxi Families, Inc

We refer to our letter dated 5 April 2017.

We have not received a response to our letter.

In our April letter we requested, amongst other things, a deferral of passage of the Bill through the House. The reason for our request was to facilitate consultation between our client and, amongst others, the Minister, through which the extent of the adverse impacts of the Bill upon our client's members could be understood and considered.

We also made a number of other requests. These comprised (in summary form), requests for:

- (a) details of modelling or calculations relevant to the transitional assistance package;
- (b) a statement of reasons in relation to the then recent announcement concerning the value of perpetual licences for Centrelink entitlements; and
- (c) disclosure of any evaluation made by the Government or other body which informed the announcement referred to in (c) and any advice relevant thereto.

We understand that the Bill will be introduced to the Legislative Council on 9 May 2017. This gravely concerns our client and its members, particularly in light of the absence of acknowledgement or response from the Minister to our April letter and the detailed matters contained therein. On our client's behalf, we seek an urgent written response to our April letter.

Furthermore, the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee Report published in the Alert Digest No 3 of 2017 in respect of the Bill records the Committee's request for further information from the Minister in relation to the compatibility of provisions of the Bill with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006 (Vic)*.

The fact that the Committee saw fit to record its requests, combined with the matters set out in our April letter, provide strong foundation for the Minister to act now to defer the Bill

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and on behalf of our client and its members we reiterate our request that the Minister do so as a matter of urgency.

Yours faithfully
Corrs Chambers Westgarth



Bronwyn Lincoln
Partner