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**From:** Helen Pongas [REDACTED]  
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**To:** taxiinquiry  
**Subject:** Submission to the parliamentary Inquiry into Commercial Passenger Vehicle Reforms in Victoria

Hi,

My name is Chris Pongas my wife and I brought a taxi license in 1999 for \$282 500.

Prior to the reforms we were taxi license owners.

We hired out one car license.

We leased our license and lost the regular income of \$26, 000 a year which slowly began to decrease over the years.

We received \$100 000 from the government.

The reforms have affected us in many ways as we are on a very low income. We are not entitled to the pension and this was what was going to set us up for retirement. It has been a struggle now that we have lost this source of income and we have emotionally felt the burden. Both my partner and I are suffering from depression as we are constantly worrying about our finances.

We are no longer a part of the taxi industry.

If you need any more information please let us know.

Kind Regards

Chris Pongas and Vicki Pongas

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