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To the secretary legislative council economy and infrastructure committee Parliament house Victoria

My name is John Kaboukos , I was a taxi license owner since 1987 , I worked day and night to get ahead in life after leaving school.

I was attracted into the taxi industry , I liked what it had to offer and also saw it as being a good source of income and a good source of future income for myself and my family.

What has happened since then , 30 years of hard work honest work under a regulated system was in September 2017 stripped from me and others by the Victorian Labour government as they decided to pull the rug from under our feet, thus allowing a foreign national organisation come in and compete within our industry with no regulation .

In doing so the government took away 30 years of my life ,my income ,my asset ,my future asset ,in the form of super, my children's inheritance ,and left me with debts that I could not pay .

I had to sell my house , my car , I lost another business in the process , my marriage , of course it was a domino affect.

The Labour government introduced A fairness fund application system where you could apply for further monies to clear your debts ,the criteria was not clear at all ,I applied and was basically told No , you're still well off even though I had lost my house as well , you're not eligible for any further or future funding .

To this day I have kept that letter to remind me of the atrocities of the Andrews labour government.

Initially I was given \$100,000 for my taxi license as a transition fee into the new system , no compensation as yet ,mind you the transition fee of \$100,000 is subject to capital gains tax .

This has all been too much for me to handle it affected me in the way where I took out my frustration against The transport Minister and the premier amongst others ,making me a criminal as I got charged with making threats etc etc .

At 53 , never been in trouble with the law ,worked hard since the day I left school , I now become a criminal , where is the justice ,?.

I am still very upset, it has affected me and others physically and mentally, not to mention financially . There doesn't appear to be an end in sight .

The Victorian Labour ,party the premier ,and the transport Minister ,need to take a serious look at this matter and resolve it once and for all , accordingly.

Giving people a transition payment of 1/5 of the value of the asset and in some cases even less , is not a solution.

There have been deaths ,marriage break ups ,homes closed ,suicides ,the list goes on .

I really don't care which way the industry goes from here , all I am really asking for is closure for myself and many more others like me that have been dealt with unjustly .

thank you for your time .

Cheers.

Sent from my iPhone