

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO NSW TAXI INDUSTRY

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Hon.J.Ajaka MLC.
Parliament House
Macquarie St
Sydney

Re: NSW Government's Taxi Industry Proposal

Dear Mr.Ajaka,

I am writing to you to express my deep concern regarding the recently announced government reform package as announced by the Hon. David Campbell Minister for Transport with regard to leasing of renewable taxi licences.

As an owner/operator/driver of taxis since 1971 this current proposal has the effect of damaging nearly 40 years of work with the stroke of a pen. I have invested blood sweat and tears in the industry over the past 4 decades only to have it threatened by some scheme that has not been well thought out and has the potential to ruin my and my family's livelihood.

Whilst I have no issue with the issue of taxi plates with an increasing population to provide the service as required to do so under current scheme proposed, threatens all that I have worked for without any compensation.

Throughout the 40 years in the industry I have not come across a scheme such as this that has the potential to ruin the value of investment and livelihood of those current participants in the industry and those who have remained loyal to the industry.

Pricing control, oversupply, devaluation of capital value, lack of compensation threaten to ruin me financially. Would the NSW Government prefer I go on the welfare system instead of being self funded?

I urge you to express my concerns and those of my fellow industry participants to the Minister of Transport, as his proposal has the potential to make my 40 years in the industry as an owner operator completely worthless and ruin many lives.

How would you feel if it happened to you?

Yours Faithfully



William Poulos