

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO NSW TAXI INDUSTRY

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Mr Doug Brooks

Dear Sir

I am writing to you in regards to the Government proposal to change the laws on Taxi plates in N.S.W.

I am the owner of three Taxi plates in the Maitland area, which I have purchased over the last five years, since I was retrenched from the mining industry. I have used the whole of my super fund to obtain the Taxi plates.

I am fifty years of age and worked very hard to achieve all that I have to support my wife and two children.

If the government was to go ahead with its changes an "flood" N.S.W. with cheap lease plates, I believe it would reduce the earnings of all drivers and owners in the area, as well as, reduce the value of the Taxi plates for re-sale in the future.

With the changes the Government is planning, I stand to lose it all. No-one will ever buy Taxi plates ever again while the government is giving them away, in the form of cheap lease plates, to whoever wants them, with no increase in lease payments ever.

Every owner would stand to lose hundreds of thousands of dollars on the value of their Taxi Plates. I know it would bankrupt me if this was to happen.

I don't know about you, but that doesn't look good to me, or good for the Taxi Industry. It sounds like a another attempt to deregulate the Taxi Industry.

The government tried this in the Northern Territory and it has failed to improve the taxi industry there, it has also been tried in New Zealand and was a total loss over there, as well as the United States where they have re-regulated the Industry again.

I hope you can assist me in this serious matter. Should you require any further information or have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me on

Yours faithfully

Doug Brooks