

**INQUIRY INTO OPERATION OF THE POINT TO POINT
TRANSPORT (TAXIS AND HIRE VEHICLES) ACT 2016**

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Dear Sir /Madam

I purchased the 6 taxi plates for my superannuation and now they are completely worthless. I think the best way to advise the committee is in point form as follows:-

1. When uber commenced their services in Australia they were not registered and the Government allowed them to operate.
2. We were advised by Roy-Walen-King the Ceo of NSW taxi council at a taxi meeting in the City of Sydney there was nothing we can do nothing about Uber operating illegally and nothing could be done about helping the taxi industry.
3. Maurice Blackburn solicitors are doing a class action against uber therefore I find it very hard to understand why Mr King advised the taxi industry could do nothing legally.
4. I also find it somewhat strange that after Mr. King led the taxi industry to being completely destroyed left the Taxi Council and is now working for NSW Roads as a Executive Director
5. I also find it somewhat stranger that Professor Fels (Chasing a better deal for battlers) has been one of the prime persons that has led the taxi industry to a complete wreck is now working for Uber and has been rewarded by receiving equity in Uber
6. I also find it somewhat strange that the then Premier Mr. Baird suddenly made Uber legal without any investigations into ride sharing
7. Uber has had numerous accidents (they are not professional drivers as are taxi drivers)
8. There have been numerous rapes connected with uber (uber has not advised in Australia how many sexual offences have occurred)
9. It is a multinational company with tax benefits in the Netherlands
10. They only pay a small amount of tax in Australia
11. Their drivers do not pay superannuation therefore in years to come this will cause a financial burden on the Government because most of the drivers will go on the old age pension
12. Only just recently the Green Slip Insurance was adjusted as Uber was only paying a small amount and taxis were paying a huge amount (this adjustment only happened because of the pressure the taxis were under)
13. It has not been a level playing field in many aspects.
14. I purchased my plates so I would have income and not a burden on the Government. Therefore someone else can apply for a pension because I worked hard to buy the taxi plates.
15. The NSW Taxi Council have done zero to help the taxi industry and I am amazed they charge their members fees.
16. The traffic has become unbearable since ride sharing has come to Australia

17. Because Uber is cheap the public is not catching public transport which is affecting the revenue for the Government

18. The Government has allowed this gig economy where the population working for uber is paid a poverty amount of money and has caused domestic problems financially

19. There have been suicides all over the world and several in Australia.

20. Just recently point to point advised no more taxi plates will be issued at present. I find that somewhat cruel as they know what has happened to the taxi industry and one has the feeling they want to be congratulated that they are not issuing any more plates

21. I have mortgages on the plates and feel why did I even bother investing I could just go on the pension

22. If point to point wanted to improve taxis they should look to Japan where they even wear white gloves and a cap but they were too busy encouraging ridesharing to take over Why haven't they encouraged the taxi industry to better themselves but they have made it impossible because nobody wants to work for nothing in a taxi therefore the standard has fallen

This is completely UnAustralian and especially as Uber has found it to be one of the most successful countries in the world for their business

23. There are no safety shields etc in Uber and not a thorough check on their drivers or their cars.

24. I also find it strange about the levy where is it and what is the Government doing with the levy.

25. I was paid \$40,000.00 for 2 plates in my private name and \$20,000.00 for a plate in my Super fund of course these amounts were taxed

I could go on and on about the injustice the taxi industry has been handed and hope something will be done to help us. I further hope there is an investigation in the taxi industry and I am sure a lot of bad decisions that were made will surface.