

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

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The Act 2016 change the taxi industry immensely, as a licence owner, I face a lot of uncertainty and pressures. The policy favoured Uber type business, that hurt us in many ways, such as much lower cost and no restrictions service.

Anyone can see that all the plate owners suffered nearly total loss the plate value, taxi drivers loss lots of income as well as the operators and network. Just before the corona virus spread, my licence monthly rental has been cut to \$1100., then down to \$550 , and now the driver has return the plate back.

I have no income, but still has to pay bank mortgage \$1549 monthly. I have to use up my age pension of &1480 monthly to cover it. I still own the bank \$213000 on the taxi plate investment. I suggest the government can just buy back all the taxi plates both restricted and unrestricted at a reasonable price and then open up the whole industry to public like uber style. Because there is a fundamental conflict between two system.

You just can't open up to one without much restrictions and the taxi industry to face such unfair conditions, especially we have serve our Australian in many decades and copping a very high cost.

Thanks very much.