

**Submission  
No 13**

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

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I would like to draw your attention to the ongoing distress and financial impact that as a taxi operator and driver I have been hit with. I have invested a lot of finance in this industry that was government regulated and backed only to be let down, take for a ride and nearly destroyed financially and health wise when the government allowed multinationals like UBER to enter the country and destroy a system the government encouraged Australians to back and invest in. Only to leave us open slate for slaughter and then abandon us and turn a blind eye with ongoing high costs leaving us financially and mentally distraught.

Why is the government not fulfilling its original duty to the industry it created and obligation and supporting us as we are tax payers in this country. We need the government to step up and assist us in every way to get back to where we were and empower us again for the future and benefit of all. We have suffered enormous financial losses faced with huge financial burden and hardship along with medical and health issues now being impacted.