

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

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As an elderly taxi owner who has experienced considerable income loss in retirement as a result of the decision to allow the operation of share riding without the constraints that have been placed by Government on Taxis over many years, I feel compelled to appeal to you to give much further consideration to compensation for all taxi owners who have been so negatively impacted.

I commenced my involvement as a Taxi Driver in Sydney in the early 1960s. After being fully involved in the Industry as a driver, radio operator, Board member etc., I received a night and weekend restricted ballot plate in 1983 which was converted to a full time plate a few years later . When in 1993, I was obliged to leave this occupation and Sydney for health reasons, I leased my taxi plate through Taxis Combined Services and this became the main source of my superannuation income. 3 years ago I received a nominal payment of \$20,000, however, due to the fact that I was not informed, possibly because I now live interstate, about the second event until the day it was due for submission, I missed out on that opportunity.

With the advent of Government approval of ride sharing without the application of the same Government legislation that applies to all other public vehicles, the capital value of the plate and the monthly income has become progressively lower to a point where, this month, I received the nominal lease fee of \$1.00 and the plate value is now zero. This plate was given to me by the N.S.W. Government as a form of recognition of my years of service as a driver in the Taxi Industry and it is now worthless.

This has effectively left no superannuation from this avenue and I am now, in my 80s, reliant on a Government Aged pension.

I respectfully request that N.S.W. Government give serious consideration to compensation for the loss of value of taxi plate and superannuation income.