

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

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The reforms have led to a situation where Taxis and Hire Cars have to provide all the wheelchair assistance while other operators do not.

The result is that taxis have to invest in expensive vehicles to provide this service but others do not.

Taxis are highly regulated and expensive to outfit but private operators have none of these expenses.

Other costs unduly fall on taxis such as registration, insurance and workers compensation insurance. Other players have very much lower cost structures.

Taxis are required to satisfy other regulations which don't affect other operators.

Finally, the reforms have seen the value of taxi licenses fall by about 80% with no compensation from Government.

Our loss is of the order of \$380,000.

I invested my retirement funds in a taxi license only to see them swept away without any compensation by these reforms.

If government is to reform an industry the least one would expect is that it would compensate those who suffer from legislative reforms.

My opinion is that the state government should buy back all taxi plates at a fair and reasonable value prior to the reforms.