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

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Taxis have lost 55% of their old market to ride share.

Taxi owners are still paying drivers 50/50 of the income generated which is crippling hard working drivers trying to feed their families. The taxi industry needs to be deregulated like Victoria do drivers can drive for themselves, retain 100% of what they earn and then discount rides to compete with ride share.

Until this is done there will be no equality between taxi and ride share drivers.

A compensation package should be offered similar to Victoria's for current taxi plate owners. This whole process should have been finalised by now but the taxi owners are still lobbying not to deregulate because they do not want to lose the small income they are still receiving from drivers working for them.

Change is needed fast before the taxi industry becomes a bit player in personal transport