

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

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TERMS OF REFERENCE

FOR THIS REFERENCE ARE  
THE UPPER HOUSE INQUIRY INTO  
POINT TO POINT TRANSPORT TAXIS AND  
HIRE VEHICLES ACT 2016.

QUESTION 1 & 2

THE OPERATION OF THE REGULATORY  
SYSTEM APPLYING TO THE TAXI  
INDUSTRY.

MY THOUGHTS. ARE CAN WE ADJUST OUR  
OVERHEADS SO WE CAN COMPETE  
WITH UBER AND OTHER POINT TO POINT  
TRANSPORT FARES AND MAKE OUR  
OPERATIONAL SET UP AS CONVENIENT.  
AS THE UBER COMPANY APP ETC  
PLUS A VEHICLE LIKE LONDON  
TAXIS WITH PASSENGERS SEPARATE  
FROM DRIVERS MAKING SAFER,  
CLEANER (NOT HAND TO HAND CONTACT  
WITH THE DRIVER WHEN PAYING THE  
FARE MAKING TAXIS SAFER  
AND ONE RADIO NETWORK FOR  
ALL TAXIS

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~~3~~ 20,000 DOLLARS WAS SOMETHING  
BETTER THAN NOTHING, NOW  
AFTER SUFFERING THE DEVALUATION  
OF THE UNRESTRICTED PLATE  
THAT MY PARENTS AND I WORKED  
SO HARD TO PURCHASE MUM/DAY SHIFT  
DAD NIGHT SHIFT FOR MANY YEARS  
AND FINALLY I BOUGHT THE PLATE  
FROM THEM WHICH WAS MY  
SUPERANNUATION TO LIVE OFF  
IN MY OLD AGE, FOLLOWING THE  
GOVERNMENT'S REGULATIONS FROM  
THE FIRST SHIFT BACK IN THE EARLY  
SIXTIES UP TO WEARING UNIFORMS  
I WAS CHECKED AT THE AIRPORT TO  
MAKE SURE I WAS WEARING LONG  
SOCKS, PHOTO LICENCE DISPLAYED  
SO FOR ME TO SEE UBER NOT PAYING  
TAX, SHOUTING PASSENGERS DRINKS WHEN  
THEY ARRIVED AT THE PUB, MOVING  
IN ON OUR AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRY WAS  
WAS VERY DISAPPOINTING. FAMILY TAXI  
BUSINESS WASHED UP. AND FINISHED.



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QUESTION HOW HAS THE DAY TO DAY  
CHANGES IMPACTED ME AS A

TAXI LICENCE OWNER/PLATE VALUE

ANSWER: I DIDN'T KNOW WHO TO TURN TO.

FOR HELP. ABSOLUTELY DEVASTATED

ME AT AGE 66 YEARS OF AGE

AND A CARER FOR MY 100 YEAR

OLD FATHER AT 131 DOLLARS PENSION

EVERY TWO WEEKS, THE LEASE

HAS DROPPED TO NOTHING WITH

THE VIRUS AND BEFORE THAT.

THE HONORABLE ANDREW CONSTANCE

JUST HAD NO CONCERN FOR TAXI

OWNERS FAMILIES

4/ THE VALUE OF THE PLATES WAS

A SECURE, SAFE FEELING FOR

MYSELF AND MY FAMILY.

P.S I KNOW THIS IS NOT.

A VERY PROFESSIONAL REPLY ITS

THE BEST I CAN EXPRESS MY

FEELING OF HOW I HAVE ENDED

UP. WASHED UP. L. RALPH,

UP. 13-5-2020.

I AGREE 100% WITH THE BUY BACK  
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

THIS HAS RENDERED ME  
WITH ABSOLUTELY NO  
INCENTIVE TO DO ANYTHING  
BUSINESS WISE ~~OVER~~ AGAIN  
I WORKED 7 DAYS A WEEK  
NIGHTSHIFT THINKING IT  
WAS CONTROLLED BY THE  
GOVERNMENT - SAFE SECURE  
FOR LIFE ANDREW CONSTANCE  
SHOULD FACE ALL CAB OWNERS  
OF PLATES, HE WOULD ~~BE~~  
HAVE TO FACE THEM LIKE THE  
PRIME MINISTER FACED THE  
PEOPLE OF COBAGO AFTER  
THE BUSHFIRES, HE SAID THE  
PLATES JUST WERNT WORTH  
WHAT THEY WERE SELLING FOR  
PEOPLE WERE HAPPY TO BUY THEM  
HE SAID THAT WITH A REAL SLUR  
IN HIS VOICE / SORRY FOR ROUGH  
WRITING I'M NOT VERY WELL