

To the parliamentary committees

My name is Yishak Asfaha, and I am owner of Yellow Cab Maxi Taxi. I have lived in Australia since 2006; I have been working long hours and three jobs (Full-time cleaner, part-time laundry worker and part-time taxi driver) up to the year 2013 so I can make ends meet and save to start my own business.

Finally in the year 2013 I had managed to save \$150,000, and then took out a loan of \$156,000, with what I was able to save up it cost me \$300,000+ to buy the business licence and car, including GST. In 2015 I had to replace maxi as it was 8 years old, it cost me \$70,000 so I had to take out a loan for \$61,000 to cover that.

My weekly expenses are as follow

- \$500 for licence loan
- \$286 for maxi loan
- \$500 for Taxi network, insurance and registration
- \$500 for house hold expense and rent

I am a Tax paying law abiding citizen. It has become very difficult to keep up with my repayments because of the illegal Taxi services.

I have a family, my son is 2 years old, I don't get to spend enough time with him as I work 16 hours 6 days a week. My partner has left me working hours and lack of family time. I have lost so much to make my business work and if the government don't put a stop immediately to the illegal Taxi services all my hard work and

determination to make a better life for myself and my son will come to nothing not just for me but for all other small business owners.

Please make it fare and make it right for every ones sake, we are not asking for a special treatment, we just want what's right.