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This submission is

Back in September 2011 we purchased a maxi Taxi Licence.

We invested into the taxi industry safe in the knowledge that we were making a sound investment for our future & our childrens future. Two years after we invested, along comes Uber.

Since then our investment has dissolved & now we can't even sell our licence for less than we paid for it. There are simply no buyers willing to risk their money and why would they. We used all of our resources to buy into this industry and now we at risk of losing not only our investment but our house also if the banks decide to withdraw their support.

It is imperative that the bill to impose demerit points be passed & introduced with urgency. This cannot wait for any reviews, this must happen now. We need something to put confidence back into the eyes of current & future investors.

There are a lot of Mum & Dad investors like ourselves that are really doing it tough & do not have the resources of large companies to absorb the losses currently being felt & which are increasing.

Ive done the right thing my entire life. Ive worked extremely hard & paid my bills & taxes. I deserve more consideration than Uber.

Please do not simply leave this to the Strategic Plan review that has been earmarked, we need something urgently.

Thankyou

Yours Sincerely

Steve Pickett (Owner Operator Maxi 2411 Black & White Cabs)