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Public Works & Utilities Committee,
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Well you're going to get lots of these letters of submission. All with different way to fix this and that. I believe you have already made up your minds.

Recently you paid \$20,000 per plate (thank you), but you paid it to everyone. Charleville, Childers, Biggenden all plates in all country towns. Even the places that don't have ride share. Then you offered to Sunny Coast Cabs a staff member an offer of \$40,000 on plates that they never owned.

Taxi Council are issuing accounts for \$720. People who own 11 licences, Mr received an invoice for one plate, the wife received a invoice for 4 . So what I am saying the balance nobody knows who owns them? What a mess. Really the industry was not broken. But now we could not be in a worst situation.

I believe the government sold us these plates, because no one can run a taxi without a licence. The money went in to the taxpayer purse. These licences are like fishing license or the milk license.

Even a driver's licence. No one can drive without a licence. Really a piece of paper. The government sold them by tender. Transport does a police check for Operators Accreditation. Translink control the amount of taxis on the road. There is no need for a shop front like in other business. Government controls all sales, stamp duty more like a real estate deal. Fares are set by the government and regulations, cameras and the list goes on. With every bill/invoice comes the threat if we don't pay the licence can be cancelled. We are a very individual business industry.

I believe there will be a long court case for people to get out of debt. What nobody realized was that the licences were purchased as interest only. So 80 % of the industry has a business loan against these licences. The bank really own them until at such time they are paid for in full. These loans are secured by the family home. So treat these owners carefully as if they lose everything including the family home. WHO DO YOU THINK IS GOING TO DRIVE THE TAXIS? Plus the age of the elderly population of owners is causing health issues. All provable by doctors reports. You may find the next court case will be for health issues. People can prove your bad handling of all this has made them very stressed. My own doctor suggested that I now suffer from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. He explained we are like the returned veterans from Vietnam. Called up and seen and did things to protect our country. But shafted by the government upon their return.

So you have a nightmare, I would not wish upon my enemies. Now the Perpetual Limo Licence have been reinstated. Regional licence are now whole of Queensland. But not to disadvantage the perpetual taxi service licences, we should be opened up to whole of Queensland. After all the years of MSL minimum service levels. Careful budgeting of numbers required in certain areas. So now you have all limo and taxis wanting to work the next Adelle concert, football grand finals and commonwealth games. Who is home servicing the community. I could sell seats in the taxi at \$400 return from Bundaberg to Brisbane. As flights cost more than \$400 return. So can you imagine the work I can make for the cabbies. Try to take away the bailee agreement and people work on wages like New Zealand with compo. We have already been to court and won this. You will have no taxis service shortly so who is doing the disability work. With 40 suicides in the southern states it is only a matter of time, before the over stressed and elderly react.

We were all discussing the latest bombing overseas. What a terrible state the world is in. Frightening people to force others beliefs upon each other. We compared the Jehovah Witness and Mormons in our population. Walking the streets and having the public slam the door in their faces. We are a multinational country and welcome new migrants. Not really knowing who or what they are.

These people now live among us. Probably working in the taxi industry wherever they can get work. I am not meaning to frighten you, but we need to be aware as the police keep telling us to report things that seem odd or out of character. I feel for people who will lose everything, even this week I had a friend phone about a divorce. The family unit breaks down so easily. These are very difficult times for all concerned.

My best wishes for the job ahead of you, I am glad I am elderly and my life is nearly over. I would hate to be young and repeat my hard working life again.

Yours faithfully,

