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The Hon Michael Ferguson MP
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Dear Minister

Thank you for your letter of 23 March 2020 regarding taxi plates in Tasmania. The State Government's decision to implement a moratorium on the issuing of new taxi licence plates is to be applauded.

Your letter did not address, however, if and when a buy-back scheme would be implemented to assist those already affected by the over-supply of taxis in Tasmania, including those plate owners who were relying in good faith on selling their plates eventually to fund their retirement.

Resolving this issue has now become more urgent than ever as the COVID-19 pandemic places enormous additional pressure on an industry already on its knees. Surely now, more than ever, the Government must implement a buy-back scheme at a fair price to support an industry and workforce at the most difficult of times.

Yours sincerely

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