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Submission:

Dear Ipart,

Whilst it has been plain for all to see that lodging a submission is pointless I shall pass a few comments based on many years of making submissions to you and observing your reactions to my and other people's submissions.

It seems you take no notice of the content of submissions, although you do occasionally acknowledge some parts of them. You have a blinkered approach based on your academic world; which carries little real life experience. Regardless of your findings and their implementations you still get paid; contrary to the results of your recommendations.

Your aims are a disgrace. You aim to destroy something that people have worked bloody hard for and done so within the law notwithstanding the vagaries of the market. You are doing your best to manipulate the market. There shall be no real benefit, only devastation to decent, hard working people. As I have said previously; try devaluing the licences of commercial radio or television stations. Apart from the shareholder outcry, you wouldn't be game. No, we are just easy targets.

You want to reduce fares over a couple of years by about 7 or 8 percent and you've increased the number of licences over the last few years by about 1,000 (almost 20%) and you want to keep your work going. As Jim Richards said on the podium of the Bathurst 100 motor race in the early 1990s to a hostile crowd;"You're nothing but a pack of

I have said to you lot before and I'll say it again - you need to actually get off your collective blunders and have a look at the taxi scene, check out the orange lights in town and the suburbs, ask why the queues at the airport are so long, question that the number of drivers hasn't grown with the number of cabs. To anyone with a modicum of intelligence and experience it ain't difficult. My offer to take you and show you still stands.

You lot should relinquish your role in this situation and hide your collective selves in shame. In my opinion, after many years of trying to put experienced logic and information forward and watching you ignore it, both mine and other people's, I can only have my opinion of Academia reinforced-absolutely useless and detrimental to the reasonable conduct of society!

This submission is made with over 40 years experience in the taxi industry as driver, owner-operator and with active interest in the networks. I am still an owner/driver.

Yours faithfully,

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