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Dear Mr Kovacs

Thank you for your email of 6 May 2020 about perpetual taxi plates in the Territory. I understand that Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA, Minister for Justice, Consumer Affairs and Road Safety also responded to you about this issue on 6 March 2020.

The ACT Government acknowledges the pressure the on-demand transport industry and other local businesses are currently under as a result of the ongoing public health emergency. Through the Economic Survival Package, we are providing local businesses with a wide range of support in relation to business fees, payroll tax and commercial rates to help them through this challenging time. Further information on the Economic Survival package is available at: <https://www.covid19.act.gov.au/business-hub/economic-survival-package>.

I understand that some taxi plate owners have recently experienced a change in value and lease income from their ownership of taxi plates. However, as Minister Rattenbury explained in his correspondence, investments in taxi plates come with potential risk. The key responsibility of the Government is to support the provision of valuable services to our community, and the reforms of recent years have led to improved quality and availability of on-demand transport services in the Territory.

The ACT Government is committed to providing access to professional counselling services for anyone that may need further assistance at this time. These services are being provided by the Woden Community Service, and can be accessed by calling (02) 6282 2644 between 9am and 5pm weekdays or by emailing [info@wcs.org.au](mailto:info@wcs.org.au).

Thank you for contacting me about this matter.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Barr MLA  
Chief Minister

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