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Dear Mr Kovacs

Thank you for your letter regarding a taxi licence (plate) buyback scheme in the ACT.

As I have noted in past correspondence, the ACT Government appreciates the contributions made by the taxi industry to the ACT community and has delivered a range of measures to support local business and industry over the past three years. However, our position on the matter of creating a taxi plate buyback scheme, as well on any further compensation, remains unchanged. The ACT Government will not be developing a taxi plate buyback scheme.

I understand that you have recently spoken to Ben McHugh, Deputy Director-General, Transport Canberra and Business Services regarding this matter and he has talked through the issues and confirmed the approach with you.

During my meeting with representatives of the ACT Taxi Plate Owners Association (ACTTPOA) in November 2022, the proposal to increase annual taxi lease fees was discussed. During this meeting, and in subsequent letters, I advised that any consideration of an increase would be dependent upon ACTTPOA providing supporting evidence demonstrating how such an increase would have flow on benefits for the community. That information is necessary to support any reform to the current system. The ACT Government will consider any information you have to provide in the future about broader community benefits, however work on this proposal will not proceed at this time.

Thank you for raising this matter. I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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