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Dear Mr Barton

I am writing regarding the Victorian Government's response to the coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19) and the impacts on the Commercial Passenger Vehicle (CPV) industry.

Like many industries, the CPV sector is facing significant challenges as a result of the COVID-19 containment measures and the Victorian Government is working to support businesses across the state through this difficult time. In the meantime, my department and the regulator are actively working to support the CPV industry.

To further support the Government's consideration of industry impacts, I invite you to work with the Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer, Steve Dimopoulos MP, as part of a small panel to provide advice on further development and implementation of options to support and mitigate the adverse impacts of COVID-19 on the CPV industry.

Mr Dimopoulos has extensive experience as a former small business owner and active contributor to public debate about reforms affecting the CPV industry over many years.

In the longer term, I would also like you both to provide advice on the implementation of the recommendations of the Economy and Infrastructure Committee Inquiry into the Commercial Passenger Vehicle that the Government has accepted.

I have attached Terms of Reference for this work and you will note that the establishment of the panel will be informal, and the members will be consulted as appropriate on policy options and implementation issues. The panel will not be required to present reports. Informal consultation with the panel will contribute to the Government receiving timely and relevant insights.

In this way, the CPV industry and passengers, will further benefit from your extensive experience in the taxi, limousine and hire car industry as a business owner and former head of the Victorian Hire Car Association.

Thank you for your ongoing contribution, and I look forward to working with you in this new role.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Melissa Horne".

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