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Subject: Comments about the VTA

Hi Andrew,

as promised here are the comments we have a problem with:

- p.89 describes the figures we provided as unreliable. We believe this statement is untrue, particularly in context of the survey data we have now provided you with.
- p.137 describes the VTA as impacting adversely on driver remuneration through centralized bailment agreements. We thoroughly reject this proposition and see it as a key VTA role to provide framework documents to industry participants. We do not interfere in the commercial aspect of the bailment agreement and have no intention of doing so.

We would very much appreciate to if these comments were removed from the final report or re-worded to accurately describe what occurs in reality. If you wish to do the latter we would be happy to sit down with you and describe the processes in more detail.

In regard to supply of labour (p138) we take no offense at what you say. It is simply a difference of opinion on a technical issue. Our final submission to you will cover this issue and address supply of labour in the industry.

Thanks for your time and happy to discuss,

David Samuel  
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