

TAXIS

'Mourners' let it RIP

UP TO 200 taxis converged on Parliament House in a mock funeral procession on Wednesday to protest against proposed reforms they say will bankrupt small business owners.

The protesters, members of the state's multibillion-dollar taxi industry, wanted to hand Premier Ted Baillieu a funeral wreath and ask him to sign a card that reads: "As Premier, I offer my condolences on the imminent death of small business in Victoria should this government adopt the Fels report into the taxi industry in its entirety . . . with no form of compensation, effectively killing off as many as 3000 small businesses in this state."

ADAM CAREY