I wish to make a submission in support of the proposed legislation and an amendment thereto.

I am a long term worker and small business operator in the legal taxi industry of Queensland.

The introduction of demerit points is a good start and should be coupled with increased fines for the provision of illegal taxi services. While Uber continues to operate in contravention of the existing laws and is willing to pay the fines of illegal taxi service providers it should be fined to the maximum.

The Department of Transport is presently failing in its duty to protect Queenslanders and uphold their laws while illegal taxis continue to operate and Compliance activity has ceased.

There is a need to pass the Amendment including increased fines NOW.

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