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

In 2014 Uber was given a lawful direction to “Cease and Desist” operations in Queensland. Uber ignored this lawful direction and illegal taxis continue to operate despite having been issued with \$1.4 million in fines. Obviously fines by themselves are inadequate to stop illegal taxis and safeguard the security and safety of the travelling public.

The introduction of demerit points is essential and should be complimented with increased fines to stop illegal taxis. While Uber continues to operate in contravention of existing laws and is prepared to pay the fines of illegal taxi service providers, the fines should be increased to the maximum.

The Department of Transport and Government is failing in its duty to protect Queensland and uphold their laws while allowing illegal Uber taxis to continue to operate.

The pending review of the Taxi Industry and “door to door” passenger transport is not an excuse to permit illegal taxis to operate. The Amendment including increased fines and demerit points should be enacted as soon as possible.

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