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To: [Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources Committee](#)
Subject: Submissions to the Transport Legislation (Taxi Services) Amendment 2015
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Hello,

My name is Brian Beitz and I would like to offer this submission in relation to the Bill produced by Katter's Australian Party which was introduced on Wednesday 16 September 2015 into the Queensland Parliament entitled "Transport Legislation (Taxi Services) Amendment 2015".

I am 55 years old [REDACTED] and I am a Queensland resident living at [REDACTED]
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I support the idea of penalising these illegal drivers with the loss of demerit points as something more limiting to their illegal activities needs to happen. Government action and more to the point inaction has been a total waste of time to this point and if Jackie Trad states that we can't do anything as a review is in progress one more time I think I will scream. I know this is running but come on it is beyond a joke.

My wife's family worked hard all of their lives and purchased two taxi licences and when they retired these have been providing their income and this has prevented them from being a burden on the country in receiving a pension. The advent of Uber etc has grossly devalued their licences and has jeopardised their future.

I know this is competition and I know all businesses and investments are subject to this but what I protest to is the way that Uber were allowed to enter the marketplace without adhering to any of the legal requirements for licencing, insurance etc and how pathetic efforts from the government have been in dealing with them. I wonder if I set up an office and started treating patients as a bogus doctor, how long would the government let me do it? I think the inaction of the government has been the major drama with letting this get as bad as it is.

The solution to me needs to be some consistent rules and regulations which need to be applied and everyone needs to be on an even playing field. Why should honest taxi drivers and owners have to be disadvantaged over how Uber is let operate outside of the rules?

Uber and the like in the meantime need to be dealt with and I support the actions outlined in this bill. If I had my way they would lose their vehicle also for repeat offenders.

I hope you actually do something and produce a good fair outcome for all people.

Thanks for considering this submission.

Regards

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