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To: [Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources Committee](#)
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My wife and I purchased a Taxi Licence, became accredited operators, employed one permanent and one casual driver, thus providing 24/7 operation to the citizens of Brisbane.

When we retired we retained the licence as a means to help finance our retirement as the Taxi Industry was regarded as a secure, well-regulated Government Industry and sustainable into the future.

Uber, with its own business model, has started operating in competition to the Queensland Government regulated system. Uber has total disregard for the Government laws and regulations and wants the Government to embrace its business model. Uber takes its 20% of the fare, which is transferred overseas, NO tax paid, NO responsibility to the method of operation.

Is the Queensland Government going to allow an overseas technology company run an illegal taxi service in our state?

Existing taxi operators, who are usually family based businesses, comply with all Queensland Government regulations:

- Registration \$7000
- Insurance \$6000
- Pay income tax
- Pay GST
- Not exceed 6 year life of vehicle
- 6 monthly machinery inspections
- Provide and maintain security cameras
- Traceability and audit requirements

Uber does not comply with these laws and resulting costs, hence their fares are lower. They have no sealed meters and thus can charge whatever the driver deems.

PRIOR TO THE LAST ELECTION, THE NEW QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT SAID IT WAS NOT IN QUEENSLAND'S BEST INTEREST TO ALLOW A FOREIGN AND UNREGULATED TAXI COMPANY TO OPERATE IN OUR STATE.

I voted for your government at the last election. Please do not let us down. Stick to your pre-election statement. STOP UBER.

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