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To: [Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources Committee](#)
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am compelled to write to you to express my concerns over Uber. I should state I do not own any taxi licences. Whilst I support competition in general and acknowledge disrupters are increasing and becoming more common I have grave concerns about Uber particularly.

I'm sure you are receiving many emails so I will keep my points brief.

1. Safety - they are not regulated and legislation does not cover what the Taxi/limo industry must comply with; checks of drivers, maintenance of vehicles etc. Whilst Uber drivers have reviews these can easily be fudged by friends, family or paid reviews by offshore providers.
2. Availability - I believe the Taxi Industry must ensure a certain number of cabs is available at any time and particularly during major events. Furthermore the Taxi industry must provide a certain number of wheelchair access cabs. If Uber disrupts the industry how will this be managed?
3. Retirement Funding - I have been in banking for over 25 years and am aware a lot of Taxi owners are people who have used them as a vehicle to fund their retirement. If Uber continues to disrupt what impact will this have on those individuals? What flow on impact will that have on aged care/pension funding which is already facing significant challenges with the increasing population over 65.
4. Katter submission - having read a lot about Uber's global approach to funding legal challenges I see the demerit point proposal as a great solution.

There is a lot more I could add but I'm sure you get the gist of my opposition to Uber and my support for anything that protects Taxis and regulated private limo services.

Regards,

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