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Dear Committee

I am concerned at the lack of action on the presentation of this Bill.

Transport Legislation (Taxi Services) Amendment Bill 2015

I have never known a government not to take decisive action against an illegal activity. We have UberX flouting the law, freely advertising their illegal activities, promoting themselves at shopping centres, broadcasting their product on radio and internet, and operating out of a premises metres away from a major police station in Hendra.

The Taxi industry is completely controlled by government, from driver, vehicle, operator, owner, and job despatch company, bringing with it huge compliance costs, especially for operators. The illegal Uber x has no constraints, and in fact show utter contempt for our laws.

Uber x is not a share riding operation, they are doing exactly what a taxi does but offers only an up front payment system. which substantially undercuts taxi fares because they do not meet the legal requirements of taxis. They can vary their fares, and as noted on Facebook pages, can price surge. Their own web page offers potential drivers full time and part time opportunities to work. They park anywhere, waiting for a call, not quite picking someone up who is travelling in the same direction as the driver, which is what share riding is about,

Their unfair expansion into Queensland is through a foreign company offering free rides to potential customers, whilst still paying their Uber driver. They are purported to be paying fines for the handful of drivers caught .

The effect on me as an operator has been huge, that after 14 years in the industry as operator, I am being forced out of a legitimate business due to loss of revenue to an illegal operation.

We need this legislation to urgently go through to stop the illegal activity of UberX and its partners. The longer it takes to pass legislation, the more the innocent workers of the industry will be hurt. I run a fleet of 14 taxis, and have 42 full and part time workers, all who have to pay GST and taxes.

**Please dont be weak by letting a foreign multinational destroy a good industry. Keep all our taxes and earnings in Australia.
Pass this legislation before this month is out.**

Mark Tarnawski 
