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Dear Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources Committee , I have attached my submission in relation Katter Australian Party Proposed Amendment Bill. to this email .

Yours faithfully David Wheeler and Sally Wheeler .

David Wheeler



September 25, 2015

Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources Committee.
Parliament House
Queensland Parliament.
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Dear Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources Committee reviewing the Katter Australian Party proposed Transport Amendment Bill, Thank you for this opportunity to comment on this bill.

I am a single taxi license holder and driver of 29 years, like so many others we have mortgaged our house to give myself a job and my family an income, just like many of the 3263 other licensed operators we simply call for justice to be served against Uber. The taxi industry is made up of many people who have invested their heart, soul and money in to our great State of Queensland, many families rely on the income from driving a taxi or owning one to live and prosper in our great State. As a large industry we work with government through our peak body the Taxi Council of Queensland. In the 29 years I have personally been involved in the taxi industry we have the best safety standard for example: gps tracking, camera surveillance, driver authorization, identity card displaying driver photo, bailment agreements. In all aspects of which we have worked with government to achieve a fair and safe industry. We abide by the rule of law and regulations this is our only protection not only for us but for our drivers and the public our valued passengers and Queensland's Governments valued voters.

Unlike Uber we abide by regulation and I cannot understand how Queensland Government allow Uber to flaunt laws, as of mid-July 1.7 million in fines have been issued I appreciate the 11,000 hours transport officers have put in as reported in courier mail Sunday September 13- 2015, but it is time to support KAP proposed Transport Amendment bill, and implement demerit points to Uber drivers operating illegally or any other person not operating within the law.

I am not against competition but it must be on a level playing field for all players. If Uber is allowed to continue does this mean that any foreign company can dictate to our great State of Queensland and our governments when they do not invest in our state. If Uber is allowed to continue will we see for example doctors, builders, pilots flying planes with no license where will it end and at what cost to our Great State? The taxi industry on the other hand in Queensland has most certainly invested in our Great State of Queensland and we provide 24/7 service 365 days a year rain hail or shine and provide transport for many Queenslanders with disability, Department of Veterans Affairs Clients and provide wheelchair taxis. If Taxi industry disappears will Uber provide wheel chair travel, most certainly not all they are interested in is taking money out of Queensland no investment in our state at all.

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It seems very clear to me as a taxi operator in Queensland that if I follow the laws and rules set down in Queensland today I will be unfairly treated, because so called popular Uber claims they should be exempted from any rules or regulations which are put in place to protect our Queensland public. Please remember that Uber provide a service illegally under current Queensland law that is a fact, no operators accreditation, no 6 month machinery inspections, please don't reward bad behavior please pass the Transport Amendment bill and show Uber that Queensland Government is in control and that you do value your voters, and the taxi industry which has always invested in Queensland every fare every day. Surely the taxi industry that pays its taxes and all other small business are important to help fund infrastructure in the future of our Great State of Queensland as you would appreciate.

It is time to take action common sense must prevail please remember the wording on the states number plates "Queensland The Smart State" and "Queensland The Sunshine State" not "Queensland The Uber State", please remember the taxi industry pays it taxes which Queensland receives from registrations, license fees, inspections fees we always give but remember Uber just takes no giving they have no intention to invest money in our state.

Please take a leaf out of the ATO office book, they are making uber drivers pay tax, be the Smart State we claim to be and vote for this Transport Amendment Bill. Just consider my wife, son and drivers rely on our income just like many other mums and dad operators we rely on our industry to make our way in life we buy houses spend our money in our cities and towns of this great Queensland State. I hope your committee can appreciate we are worried sick the industry I have loved for 29 years will go belly up because government did not take action, this is serious we are real tax payers and real Queenslanders, not a USA app which keeps taking money out of Queensland. Surely just not the taxi industry but all small business are valued, remember we give back to our state, and please take action with this Transport Amendment Bill before I have no job and I have to explain to my son and wife why we have no house. Only one thing I would like to add to this bill would be if Uber drivers are caught more than Three times confiscate their car for 6 months this may sound harsh but they are disrespecting the laws of Queensland buy not obeying the Cease and Desist Order or am I to believe in 2015 none of our laws mean anything in our great state of Queensland.

Yours Faithfully David Wheeler.

