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Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources Committee,  
Parliament House,  
George Street,  
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Transport Legislation (Taxi Services) Amendment Bill 2015

This is a submission for the Committee's consideration concerning the above Bill which I support. I suspect you will receive many submissions which will go to the Uber -v- Taxi argument, which really has nothing to do with this Bill at all. I am the sole Director of a Company which owns and operates a fully compliant and legal taxi business on the Sunshine Coast.

**This is simple, as it boils down to just one thing ~ enforcing an existing Law.**

Anyone in breach of the Law ought suffer the full force of the Law, and face the consequences. In the case of Uber, it is just thumbing its nose at the Law, **and continues its illegal activities in contemptuous disregard for, and in fact, open contempt for, and naked defiance of the Law.** As is self evident, fines on drivers are not an effective deterrent either of Uber or the drivers, as they are simply handing the tickets over to the heavily cashed up Uber who pays the fine, and the driver continues on their merry way, only to continue flouting the Law. I see this Bill as a logical attempt to bring outlaws to heel. Isn't that what is supposed to happen ~ **law breakers punished and deterred?** It is obvious that the Law needs more teeth to bring this open and blatant defiance to an end.

I'll use drink drivers as a good example. First offence – fine and licence disqualification, second offence – heavier fine and longer licence disqualification, third offence (in five years) – heavier fine, mandatory **prison** and 'permanent' licence disqualification.

I urge the Committee to support the Bill as that is sending the message to outlaws that the Government is serious about dealing with defiant, contemptuous law breakers.

  
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