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To: [Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources Committee](#)
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Dear Committee Members,

First of all I would like to thank the Katters Australian Party for it's initiative and support for the rights of the taxi industry in Qld.

As Mr Katter mentioned in his Bill, the present fines imposed on the the illegal operation of Uber has not been effective and is not deterring the company from operating illegal taxi services in Queensland. As a matter of fact, what effect would a 2 million dollar fine have on a company who are generating billions of dollars illegally from the industry?

I conform to the Bill and agree that this should be passed by the Committee to protect the livelihood of the average Australians who abide by the laws of this country and to stop the illegal operation of Uber who has no regards to our laws.

Our laws must be upheld by every one who operates a taxi service regardless of their wealth or influence in our society. Is Uber implying that they are above the law when they state they know people in higher authority?

Further, the taxi industry only employs people who have undergone character and criminal checks prior to obtaining a license, whilst Uber employees are not required to do so. This is not also causing detriment to the taxi industry financially, but it is also putting the public's safety at risk.

Therefore the enforcement of the law and the implementation of demerit points should be passed against drivers who continue to operate a taxi service outside the current rules set by our Government and not the taxi industry.

My taxi license alone cost me over \$400,000 plus all the other fees I had to pay the transport department to comply with their rules. How can I compete with companies such as Uber where their employees are operating a taxi service using a private car with no taxi plate attached? Where is the justice and fairness in that?

This is my livelihood and my superannuation and if I lose that because of the inaction of our Government to enforce the law on every one, this will cause a lot of hardship for myself and my family that I am supporting.

So please support the Bill and make everyone abide by the laws of this country. Our politicians were elected to protect the rights of Australian abiding by the law not foreign companies who want to break them. Thank You.

Kind Regards,
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