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Dear Committee Members

We Brij and Saras Prasad are in full support of the Transport Legislation (Taxi Services) Amendment Bill 2015.

After living in Australia for 20 years, in 2010 we bought a Brisbane Taxi Service Licence by giving our house to the bank as a security. We knew its fully government regulated and will be suitable for our retirement. Till this date we still owe the bank \$412K though we paid the bank a large revenue. The government stamp duty \$12848 was extra.

Now we are in a great shock thinking of the day when the bank will take our house and the payments are not enough. At the moment the struggle is great. Sometimes I sit on the rank for 90 mins to get a \$10 job! People are calling both Taxi and Uber at the same time!

Uber has done a great damage to taxi industry and there are others who have penetrated the taxi market like STAR transport, Wilsons (1BF8PF), hotels, hospitals and free buses.

If Uber is given any chance they will take over the transport industry. They know the profit is 20% and this is what they want! The rest is expenses which is the burden of the naive driver!

The subliminal thoughts of drivers and public to make any profit is just a temptation of Uber.

They also offer free phones and freebies etc to entice new drivers.

One day when the drivers sit in the sun and no job is coming then they will understand they were deceived into paying all overhead charges for nothing and how smart was Uber

Uber should be stopped as quickly as possible. This is a great abomination of the last days. The drivers for sure MUST be given demerit points and fined. The public is naive to call them. Any associates should be charged too, e.g. the Uber office in Nundah.

Taxis had booking Apps before Uber came so there is nothing new. Except down loading it is hard.. Public is reluctant to use apps as the charges to have a smart phone, a credit card and mobile internet connection is very high. The new viruses are invented too and internet hacking takes place everyday! In case you got over charged, to tackle Uber you will need a lawyer.

Anyway they won't pick a job that goes through a traffic jam!

Lets be fair and just and not toss the "bread of the children to the intruders"! Enough jobs have gone overseas.

Local improved Job Apps by universities and efficient dispatch local offices for lost property and offences is the answer.

In case Uber wins there will be no jobs left for Taxi and as such we would be happy to surrender our taxi plates and demand for a sum equal to the amount we owe the bank!

Yours sincerely,