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Firstly my background, I have been an owner operator in the taxi industry since 1974 in Brisbane. Over the 40 odd years I have purchased 4 taxi licences 2 on the open market and 2 directly from the Qld. Government and paid stamp duty on each licence. At the time of purchase each licence was valued at the equivalent of a medium priced house in Brisbane. Over the 40 years I have done everything the Government has asked of me far to many to list but at great cost to me. These licences were purchased at the status quo, do you think anyone in their right mind would purchase such licences if you allowed such companies as uber to operate. About uber their business plan as it stands is not sustainable all over the world drivers are complaining it is purely in place to get rid of the taxi industry. They are not a ride sharing company they are a taxi company and as such should have to comply with whatever rules and regulations a taxi licence has to. Last week my sister who lives in Windsor street Red Hill was standing on the footpath outside her house, she noticed a vehicle pull up on the other side of the road, a man who was sitting in the back seat hopped out and driver removed his suitcase from the boot, the driver then smiled at my sister did a u turn and asked her if she wanted a taxi, how do you police this, impossible. They are a taxi company no matter what they hide behind and therefore comply with all the regulations. Of course some of the public love them because they are cheap but as I said it is not sustainable. If you make uber legal what does that mean. Does that mean every man and his dog can operate their vehicle as a taxi (why not) what sort of chaos would that create not to mention the safety aspect of same. After all it is not rocket science at the end of the day it is only an app. Leopards do not change their spots uber has a proven record of ignoring the law they will not change. The vulnerable in our society will suffer at the hands of these people, the old the blind, the wheel chair bound public and many others. The taxi industry has looked after these people for over 50 years but we cannot survive on that alone, if this allowed to continue it will be the demise of our industry. The government has only two choices deregulate the taxi industry and make it open slather and compensate all licence holders in this state or get rid of uber and any other company like them, the two cannot operate side by side MY NAME IS BRIAN OLIVER SMITH