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I am e-mailing you today with regards to advice received that a Bill has been proposed to State Government regarding changes to the Transport Operations (Passenger Transport) Act 1994.

I wish to submit to the committee that I wholeheartedly disagree with the proposed changes and furthermore believe that with the ACT leading the way, Uber and other ride-sharing options soon to come to Australian shores should be welcomed like the breath of fresh air they truly are to the public transport industry.

Ride-sharing has been so well received by the public for its ease of use, reliability and overall cheaper outcome that it has pushed the Queensland Palaszczuk government to undergo an independent review set to begin in the coming weeks. Ridesharing is a new class of public transportation for which there is no specific legislation to make it neither legal nor illegal in Queensland.

The question then, I must ask, is why this Bill should even be considered as nothing else but a back pedal towards a better solution for all citizens of this fine state.

Hundreds of thousands of people Australia wide and millions of people worldwide have voted with their fingers on their smartphones.

Now is to time for us to take control of our public transport network and shape it the way we want. And what better way to start than by disposing of this amendment to the Bill quickly. Demerit points are intended for traffic/safety infringements committed by driver, not for any other purposes such as proposed by the amendment, will Mr Katter next propose demerit points or double demerit points for littering or parking offences?

I firmly believe Queensland can benefit greatly from ride sharing in a professional sense and I thank you for your time in allowing the public to comment on these proposed changes.

Please don't hesitate to write back to me on this matter as I would be happy to discuss the points mentioned in this e-mail.

Kind regards,

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