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To whom it may concern,

Thank you for the opportunity to bring to your attention the concerns of the public in light of the recent surge in illegal unlicensed taxi service in Queensland.

The status of the Parliament as the law maker of the State is seriously undermined when those who choose to operate outside the frameworks and regulations previously established by an Act, go undetected and unpunished.

Any Bill that seeks to restore the original intention of the Act is in my view is very welcome, as it will in this case assist in deterring and removing unlicensed taxi operators from the roads and return control and genuine enforcement of the Taxi regulations back to the Department of Transport.

License disqualification, demerit points and vehicle impoundment will assist the law enforcement process and maintain the standards required by the Department of Transport and the Act and expected by the public.

These should not be undermined by unlicensed taxi drivers without police clearances and background checks, who operate vehicles that have not been subjected to annual inspections and are without correct insurances.

I urge this Bill to be progressed to the Parliament as intended by the member who is presenting it, as not only does it maintain and reinforce the States right to uphold its laws, it is also sends a clear signal to those who wish to operate any business or service outside the regulations, checks and balances in force at the time.

Lastly but perhaps of most significance, the people who have invested a lot of hard work and money in the industry while complying with the regulations and paying the prescribed license fees and levies, can carry on their business knowing they are not at an unfair disadvantage because the Government of the day has not vigorously prosecuted the offenders who show no regard for the regulations and who also according to the ATO have not registered for GST, not that the ATO condones or endorses illegal business activities.

Let this Bill proceed so that everyone who does the right thing and adheres to the regulations no matter what licenced industry that may be, can be assured the law making process seeks to align with those who have always done the right thing.

Kind Regards,

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