From:

To: Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources Committee

Subject: Uber

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am compelled to write to you to express my concerns over Uber. I should state I do not own any taxi licences. Whilst I support competition in general and acknowledge disrupters are increasing and becoming more common I have grave concerns about Uber particularly.

I'm sure you are receiving many emails so I will keep my points brief.

- 1. Safety they are not regulated and legislation does not cover what the Taxi/limo industry must comply with; checks of drivers, maintenance of vehicles etc. Whilst Uber drivers have reviews these can easily be fudged by friends, family or paid reviews by offshore providers.
- 2. Availability I believe the Taxi Industry must ensure a certain number of cabs is available at any time and particularly during major events. Furthermore the Taxi industry must provide a certain number of wheelchair access cabs. If Uber disrupts the industry how will this be managed?
- 3. Katter submission having read a lot about Uber's global approach to funding legal challenges I see the demerit point proposal as a great solution.

There is a lot more I could add but I'm sure you get the gist of my opposition to Uber and my support for anything that protects Taxis and regulated private limo services.

Regards,

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