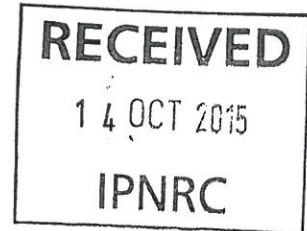


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**FW: SUBMISSION TO PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE RE UBER**

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Research Director,  
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Dear Sir,

I wish to lodge a formal submission regarding the Illegal Operation of Uber. who is an Overseas Company operating within Australia as a passenger hire business without the necessary LICENCE.or EQUIPMENT to ensure passenger safety. Uber does not adhere to any of the laws which this state have set in place to assure a safe, efficient, regular 24 hour service for the public. Not to mention their lack of provision for the Disabled. Government set in place a fare structure to ensure the public were protected and this is increased by our Government after a survey as to is viability. However, this does not apply where Uber is concerned. When a person needs a cab most they can be charged anything up to 3 or 4 times the cost of a Taxi fare.

I do not feel I have to elaborate further regarding the Operating Regulations set down by Department of Transport & Main Roads as surely you are aware of these and the massive costs the owner of a LICENCED TAXI has to incur. We as Licence Owners and Operators abide by these rules to the letter, because we are responsible citizens. We pay our taxes, both Income Tax and GST which funds are distributed to the welfare of this beautiful country in which we live. Why should Uber be allowed to enter Queensland and Australia and run an ILLEGAL OPERATION and feel they are above the LAW and paying TAXES? If they can get away with and Government is so weak then perhaps it is time the rest of the people revolted and refused to pay tax or abide by the Laws of the Land. We elect a Government to run the country and UPHOLD the laws which were made to protect the citizens of Australia. Is Uber/Google so powerful that the Australian Government is afraid to stand up and protect the public and small business?

As a parliamentarian may I ask that you view the ILLEGAL operation of Uber and the the effect on our long serving Taxi Industry and the associated Small Businesses in a just and fair manner. Also our Taxi Drivers who may justly be forced to CentreLink to supplement their income. ENFORCE THE LAW ON AN ILLEGAL OPERATION, Why do we make laws if they are just to be broken. Is Government just too weak or is it in their best interests financially to allow Laws to be broken?

Now in view of the above what is Government going to do to compensate the many Licence owners who in some cases have paid \$540,000 plus for a Licence and now because of a WEAK Government...not enforcing the law by simply turning off the app. these people are facing financial ruin, through no fault of their own. There must be suitable and acceptable compensation made by Government. If Uber wish to enter this country let the Transport Department issue a number of Licences at the market value at the time of their entry to Queensland. In this way Government still has control of an industry to ensure full protection of the public as well as the Taxi Industry as a whole.

\* I personally sold my home and invested the cash and borrowed heavily to enter the market. All has been running fine until Uber was allowed to operate illegally. Hence the price of a Licence has dropped and is at present unsaleable. This business was eliminating the need to draw an OLD AGE PENSION....VIRTUALLY OUR SUPERANNUATION. Now through no fault of our own but the WEAKNESS OF GOVERNMENT we stand to lose everything, Our figures are down over \$51,000 per year and when you have repayments to meet it is impossible to absorb. This is the figure from 1.7.14 to 30.6.15 and should Uber be allowed to run riot it can only get worse.

When is someone going to help Small Business? As you are no doubt aware the Taxi Industry incorporates many facets in its operation, in the vicinity of 60,000, and this constitutes a lot of VOTERS.

May I mention that in our retirement we do not need this stress and uncertainty. Also Government cannot afford more Pension Applications.

Our Country is in deficit yet GOVERNMENT allows us to be PLUNDERED by non tax payers such as UBER AND MANY OTHERS. Obviously it is time for a total change in Government as this country is being sold out hand over fist and the time is fast approaching when the people of Australia have had enough

Yours faithfully

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