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To the committee, please include the attached submission to your enquiry on Transport Legislation (Taxi Services) Amendment Bill

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To the committee, I fully support the proposed Katter party legislation to target penalties to drivers who operate illegal taxi services for the following reasons.

- As uber is prepared to pay the fines of drivers flouting the law, there needs to be a disincentive to drivers who flout the law by working for illegal supposed ride-share companies. Suitable demerit points are an appropriate way to discourage drivers from engaging in illegal demand driven provision of unregulated taxi services.
- Allowing police to hold illegal taxi service providers to account will greatly increase the disincentive for drivers to undercut the present standards by operating illegally
- Services such as uber undermine the public safety through lack of
  - regulated checks on drivers
  - commercial public liability insurance
  - auditable performance standards
- Services such as uber undermine both the public and drivers safety through lack of
  - mandated vehicle safety enforced by 6 monthly inspections and mandated vehicle retirement after 6 years
  - legislated surveillance cameras and GPS tracking that has been assured by the regulation of this industry
- Services such as uber undermine the service to the public through lack of
  - performance standards
  - fair pricing (although sometimes cheaper, fairs can greatly inflate in times of high demand through surge pricing)
  - services to the disabled
- Services such as uber allow tax evasion through not requiring drivers to provide an ABN and pay GST

In summation I ask that all taxi services be required to work on a level playing field where all stakeholders are required to adhere to legislated regulations which are currently effective in ensuring public and driver safety and an appropriate level of performance standards and a fair contribution to society through the payment of taxes. The value of operators licences should also be protected through not allowing illegal services to undermine their value.

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