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Dear Sirs,

Re TRANSPORT LEGISLATION (TAXI SERVICES)  
AMENDMENT BILL 2015

I wish to draw the House's attention to the issue of the continued operation of illegal taxi services in Queensland and how this undermines not only taxis but all state regulations.

It is evident that existing penalties are not sufficient to deter the increase in illegal taxi services in Queensland.

Illegal taxi services are engulfing the Queensland taxi industry rapidly to the detriment of our society. This situation threatens the standards and safety of our taxi services. It also erodes the integrity and viability of the taxi licensing scheme administered by the Queensland Government.

I bought a taxi license to enable me to be self funded in my retirement years. I am now 70 years old, not working and not relying on the Government for any pension etc.

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How is it fair to allow people who have purchased Taxi Licences to support themselves, have their licences significantly devalued and maybe worthless by an overseas "INVADER"?

These illegal taxi services are operated by large multinationals whose profits go overseas while the Taxi industry provides around \$90 million in GST revenue to the Commonwealth Government. Also licence holders pay tax to the Government in Australia on their income.

To let this continue means the Government is undermining its own legislation and income base.

I am not opposed to competition as long as it is on a "LEVEL PLAYING FIELD" and this issue certainly is "NOT"

As far as I can see the only way for this problem to be solved is:-

- (1) The OBER or others have to buy a licence at the current price from the Queensland Government (Govt makes money) and abide by the same rules and fees as existing licence holders.
- (2) The Old Government has to buy back the existing Taxi licences at the "current rate" (The Gov. loses money) and everyone is on a "LEVEL PLAYING FIELD"

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(3) FORCE UBER or any others OUT of the  
Taxi Industry in Queensland.

I feel it is "UN AUSTRALIAN" to let these big  
overseas multinational companies barge into  
Australia and take over the income of "MUM AND  
DAD" investors who have bought licenses in  
good faith to help support themselves.

The government needs to be FIRM and not  
let multinationals, who take their profits  
overseas, come in and "TAKE OVER ANY INDUSTRY"  
in Australia as is happening now.

Sincerely

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