

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources Committee](#)
Subject: Illegal ride sharing apps
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Dear Committee Members,

I am a taxi driver in Queensland. As you may understand, we as stakeholders in the Taxi industry are very concerned about Uber and possibly other ride-sharing companies currently operating “*outside the law*” in Queensland.

If I perform any activity that does not comply with the law, I understand that it is the Queensland Government’s obligation to enforce compliance; I do not expect the government to change the laws to suit me, nor should any large corporation have this expectation.

There is an obligation to comply with legislation. Ride sharing companies like Uber are not above the law and this is the real issue facing the Queensland Government. Uber has been declared unlawful in this state. To date, the imposition of fines **is not stopping the incursion of this illegal taxi service** as Uber has the financial means to pay these fines and continue to operate in spite of current legislation.

I wish to support the bill to add 3 demerit points to the fine for persons found operating a taxi service without an appropriate licence and subsequent recording of 6 demerit points if a person is convicted of a second offence under the Taxis Act within 12 months of the first offence.

This will demonstrate that the Government of Queensland is serious about defending its legislation against persons and companies who choose to ignore it.

Sincerely
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