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I support Mr. Katter's Amendment Bill by the introduction of demerit points and a substantial fine for non-conformance to the Law of this State of Queensland and to be issued to drivers operating under the Uber operation.

In the event of the same driver being apprehended a second time driving under Uber's non-conforming operation, the demerit points and substantial fine should be doubled.

At present, Uber pays the driver's fine, therefore no inconvenience to the driver. However, the driver losing demerit points will severely affect him if he loses his licence for 12 months because of accumulated points.

The Department of Transport maintain the system monitoring the driver's licence history and penalties and notification of action when licences are suspended.

The Taxi Industry operates within the Law of this state including the state accredited drivers, who if their demerit points accumulate, could also loose their licence.

Uber is an American Company selling its technology with complete disregard for existing laws and regulations developed over time by the Government in consultation with the Taxi Industry. No taxes paid, no GST, 20% of fares sent abroad.

When we retired, we retained our Taxi Licence as a means to help finance our retirement as the Taxi Industry was regarded as a secure, well-regulated Government industry and sustainable into the future.

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