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Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources Committee

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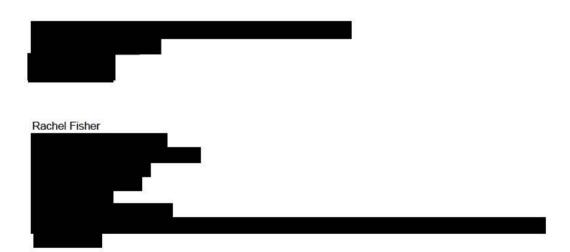
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Dear Sir or Madam,

I am in support of the amendment to the above bill to impose demerit point fines onto UBER drivers in the attempt to stop this unregulated company from prospering in the Australian marketplace and operating illegally. As a regular taxi user, I am confident when using a registered taxi for my transport needs. I have concerns for public safety with any passenger that uses UBER with regards to insurance and personal liabilities if an accident occurs. I have concerns for the safety of passengers with the limited background checks completed on UBER drivers. I also have concerns for the legitimate taxi drivers that operate professionally under our current legislation who deliver a quality service as to their livelihoods and ability to compete with an unregulated business. Taxi drivers pay GST and income tax back into our Australian economy to support all Australians, UBER drivers do not do this.

Until a better long term solution can be applied to the public transport industry to support safe innovation, I support demerit points being imposed on UBER drivers as they are caught and I also suggest and support an addition to the amendment which would allow fined UBER drivers to also have their cars impounded to apply an additional deterrent.

Kind Regards,



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