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I wish to make an earnest submission for your assistance in stopping the pillage of thousands of small businessmen and -women in Queensland by huge overseas companies and asking for your support of the Amendment Bill on this subject now before the Queensland Parliament. I refer to the illegal uber trafficking which is affecting owner drivers in the Taxi industry. I am a Taxi owner who has been in the industry legally since 1980.

Many people have worked long and hard to own these licences and still work long and hard retaining them. It is grossly unfair for one industry to be made to suffer this way. Imagine the outcry if a giant corporation set up its own sugar mill in Queensland and grew cane on unassigned areas and processed it with what many would call "scab labour". Or a huge unlicensed fishing vessel from overseas moved into Moreton Bay professional fishermen's domains.

If uber is allowed to continue how soon before they have ten seaters stopping at busy bus stops in the Brisbane city area and picking up a load of eight or ten people? Bus companies beware. Or even Queensland railway stations? Will Parliamentarians be content to drive in unregulated limousines with untested drivers? Would the government continue to be acceptable to waiving GST and Income Tax responsibilities for these drivers and not licensed Taxi drivers? Health, hospitality, hotels – there are dozens of ways industries and businesses could be bastardised.

These are not foolish theories but we all know what happens when greedy corporations get a start just what can happen – and usually does happen very quickly. What could also happen is that the small demonstration by taxi drivers outside Parliament recently could proliferate seriously – and with just cause.

The Queensland Government controls the issue of Taxi licences when and where they are needed and charged hundreds of thousands of dollars for them. It also reaps the benefit of high ongoing licence fees which scurrilous interlopers constantly are avoiding. The people of Queensland benefit from these fees and nobody should be able to circumvent them. Would the Government compensate Taxi owners for the loss in value of something the Government itself sold and promoted if they condone the cause of this devaluation?

At election time both sides of the political world speak of their desire to protect the rights of small businessmen and it would be pleasing to see these promises being kept. I am asking you to help stop the illegal interference in a regulated industry, which, while it may have its critics, is an essential service to both government and the general population. I do not state that the taxi industry is perfect I do stress that it is legal, regulated by law, run mostly by small businessmen

and should not be allowed to fall to unscrupulous overseas conglomerations taking all their untaxed profits out of the country.

I think we have learnt that regulation is an essential requirement for the continuation of our good life in our country. Therefore, I hope you will do your best in supporting the Amendment Bill now before the Parliament concerning uber.

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