

17th October 2015
Ghayoor Lateef



Re: TRANSPORT LEGISLATION (TAXI SERVICES) AMENDMENT BILL

To whom it may concern,

I, Ghayoor Lateef, as an active member of the taxi industry, strongly support the TRANSPORT LEGISLATION (TAXI SERVICES) AMENDMENT BILL made by Mr Katter.

It is an Act which aims to amend the State Penalties Enforcement Act 1999, the Transport Operations (Passenger Transport) Act 1994 and the Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995 to provide for the recording of demerit points against the traffic history of a person who provides a taxi service without a taxi service licence or a peak demand taxi permit. All amendments have my full backing.

Specifically, Clause 3 provides for the recording of demerit points under the State Penalties Enforcement Act 1999 when an individual is convicted for operating a taxi service without a taxi licence under section 70 (1) of the Transport Operations (Passenger Transport) Act 1994. It also provides for double demerit points for any subsequent offence within a year of committing the previous offence.

Clause 5 amends schedule 4 of the Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995 by omitting the current definition of traffic history and inserting a new definition as applicable.

The proposed legislation is undeniably necessary as illegal taxi services are circumventing the Queensland taxi industry to the public detriment which threatens the standards and safety of taxi services including my own business. It also erodes the integrity and viability of the taxi licensing scheme administered by the Queensland Government.

Thank you for your consideration,

Ghayoor Lateef