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Dear Sir,

Reference to the: Transport Legislation (Taxi Service)
Amendment Bill
Introduction Mr. Katter (Mount Isa----KAP)
I supports this Bill.

I am a small business owner and I operate taxi service under the Queensland Transport Regulation. This investment is my Superannuation. I have achieved this by working long hours and a lot of sleepless nights over the past 28 years.

Queensland Transport at certain allocated area inspects all taxis every 6 months. Should there be a defect on the vehicle the operator must fix it in a required period of time.

Taxis vehicles are not allowed to have operated for more than 6 years from new. We have weekly/monthly inspection done by Committee Fleet Inspectors from the Owners Committee and we also have Fleet Supervisors out on the road inspecting taxis and who passes reports to the Committee fleet inspectors if the find any defective vehicles.

In the taxi industry all drivers receive extensive and ongoing training. We cooperate with Queensland transport and Queensland police on any problems or issue with our drivers.

All drivers receive a First Aid course and receive support on Safety, Security, Welfare, Fatigues Management, Training and many other things.

Many Taxi owner are operating under the best despatch company (Yellow Cabs) not only in Queensland but all over Australia and the world.

We operate under the Transport Regulation and protect the consumer not the Taxi operators, Taxi owners, Taxi drivers or the Dispatch companies.

The Uber Company came to this country with nothing but an App, their drivers do not have the taxi authority drivers' licence, they have no outlay, such as having to buy a Taxi licence or public liability insurance. Some of the vehicles Uber drivers are using are ex cabs older than 6 years and there is no inspection on the cars roadworthiness as Uber are engaging people who use their private vehicles to do taxi work. These

vehicle owners are paying private registration and private insurance and are more than likely not be aware that they should have a 20 million dollars public liability to cover. If there were a level playing field they would not be able to give 10% off the taxi fare, as their cost would increase enormously if they were to operate legally in Queensland.

Uber has detail of each customer, when you order a Uber car you can only pay by credit card and the transaction sends the money overseas through Singapore, nothing goes into an Australian bank and up to this stage neither Uber or their drivers have paid taxes or GST.

It is noticeable that Uber do not service disable people they are just taking the cream from the taxi industry.

Uber is totally ignoring the Transport Operation (passenger Transport) Act of 1994 and Transport Operation (Road use management) Act of 1995.

Taxi drivers have police check done and have a 0 alcohol limit, Uber drivers do not have any police checks done and as everything is done over the App there is no knowledge or check on how they are before starting work, some yellow cab driver have to go to the depot to pick up his Taxi, some go to the owner.

Summery.

Once again I support the " Transport Legislation (Taxi Services)
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Yours sincerely,

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