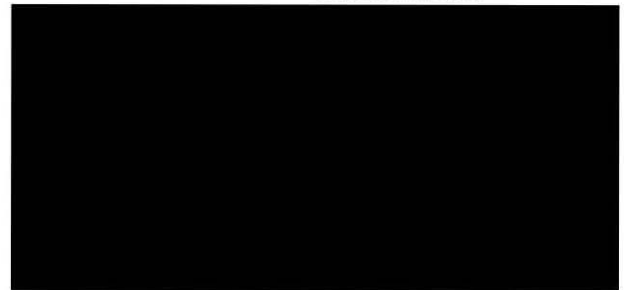


G.J.Smith.



17TH October 2015.

Parliamentary Committee for
Infrastructure Planning and Natural Resources.
Submission on The Bill Transport Legislation (Taxi Services)
Amendment Bill 2015.

Dear Committe,

In 1995 I was made redundant at 59 years of age ,still having to work and not being able to get a job ,I used my superannuation to buy a Taxi Licence to enable me to earn a living.

I drove the Taxi until 2002 ,when I underwent a total Laryngectomy for throat cancer ,after which I found it difficult to communicate while driving the Taxi.

Still needing an income and unable to get the pension I leased out the licence to continue to get an income.

Now ,with the arrival of Illegal TAXI'S "UBER."The earning capacity of Taxi's has been greatly effected ,as there no longer seems to be any enforcement of the Law to make them pay GST,Income Tax, Class 3 Third Party Insurance.Licence Fee,Safety Fee,Road Worthy,Driver Authority,etc as per (see enclosed) DTMR Bulletin PT 220/08/15.

I will not elaborate any more on this ILLEGAL TAXI SERVICE "UBER" as I feel sure that the Committee will have enough Submissions explaining the Illegal Operations of "UBER".

I would like to take this opportunity through your Committee to urge the Government to enforce the LAW on "UBER " so all are on a level playing feild . All "UBER " have is Four Wheels and a Smart Phone .

I support The Bill.



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PTDAS – Passenger Transport Driver Authorisation System

What is the PTDAS?

The Passenger Transport Driver Authorisation System (PTDAS) is a free internet system provided by the Department of Transport and Main Roads that enables authorised operators to check the currency of a driver authorisation.

Why is using the PTDAS so important?

Under section 15 of the *Transport Operations (Passenger Transport) Act 1994*, passenger transport operators have a legal responsibility to ensure their drivers have a current driver authorisation for the category of public passenger transport services which they provide. The maximum penalty for using drivers without current driver authorisation for the correct category is \$18,848.

Drivers and public passenger transport operators should also be aware that under section 37 of the *Transport Operations (Passenger Transport) Regulation 2005*, if the holder of a driver authorisation has their driver licence suspended, cancelled, or disqualified their driver authorisation is suspended, cancelled or disqualified for the same period of time.

The reasons why a driver authorisation may be suspended or cancelled include:

- accumulation of demerit points on a driver licence;
- suspension or disqualification of a driver licence for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs;
- high speed driver licence suspension;
- suspension of the driver licence by the State Penalty Enforcement Registry (SPER) for a vehicle related unpaid fine;
- expiry of driver licence;
- driver disqualifying offence (for example, sexual offences, assault); and
- not meeting public transport medical fitness requirements.

Please note: a driver authorisation is not automatically reinstated when a person's driver licence is reinstated. Drivers may be required to visit a Department of Transport and Main Roads office to have their driver authorisation reinstated.

How to apply for PTDAS access

An information package, including an application form and access agreement, can be sent to you by email, facsimile or post. To obtain the information package, please email your request to PTStandards@tmr.qld.gov.au and include your operator accreditation number.

Additional information

More information on the PTDAS system can be obtained by phoning the Passenger Transport Authorisation Unit, Transport Regulation Branch, Customer Service, Safety and Regulation Division, Industry Standards and Passenger Safety Unit, Department of Transport and Main Roads on (07) 3338 4994.