

16th October 2015

Research Director
Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources Committee
Parliament House
George Street, Brisbane 4000.



Subject: Transport Legislation (Taxi Services) Amendment Bill 2015

Dear Sir/Madam

I own four taxi licences and have been in the taxi industry since the mid-1980s. For some 29 years I have paid all applicable fees, government charges, all taxes and complied with every legal requirement necessary to operate in the passenger transport industry.

However, uber drivers are easily able to operate at a much cheaper rate than taxis since they do not have the same overheads as the taxi industry, nor pay government levies.

uber and like-minded operations consider themselves above the law and operate illegally, with no regard for any detrimental effect that they are having on the thousands of people of Queensland whose livelihoods rely on the taxi industry. Many older licence owners, like myself, consider our licences to be our superannuation fund. If uber is allowed to continue and expand its operations, this major investment will shortly be worthless. Taxi owners and those associated with the operation and maintenance of taxis could all be applying for the aged pension and unemployment benefits.

Under the suggested amendment to the above Act, Clause 3, I totally agree with the inclusion of demerit points and fining non-compliant drivers. Additionally, I suggest that after several offences the offender's car should be forfeited to the government since it is involved in an illegal activity.

In addition to cars and drivers, operation rooms should also be targeted, the operators fined and all associated equipment seized.

This completely illegal operation has to be stopped. If uber want to run a taxi industry, they must do what thousands of legitimate taxi owners do and invest in the industry.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rob Morrison".

Rob Morrison
Taxi Owner

