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Dear Sir/Madam

Transport Legislation (Taxi Services) Amendment Act 2015 – a bill to provide for the recording of demerit points against the traffic history of a person who provides a taxi service introduced by R. Katter on 16.09.2015

I am deeply vexed by the situation that currently exists in Queensland where a large Overseas Organisation (“uber”) can operate outside the law with apparent impunity. Vexed that the Queensland Police Service is unwilling to enforce the law and investigate potential breaches of the law, vexed that the Qld Treasury appear to have no concern for the threat to State revenues posed by uber and vexed, bewildered and dismayed that politicians of all persuasions other than the Katter Australia Party have proven to be unwilling to enforce the rule of law in this State.

I am concerned with statements that uber is popular by sitting members of Parliament as an excuse for lack of compliance and failure to uphold the rule of law. Deeply concerned if the self-praised popularity of uber has been accepted as being true and correct and potential votes for not upholding State Laws is more important than the laws being broken.

I fail to understand why the taxi industry had to seek the assistance of a minor party to table a private members bill, when it is clear that the uber drivers are in breach of the Transport Operations (Passenger Transport) Act and that uber employees may be in breach of the Criminal Code for inducing Queenslanders to break the law by driving for uber.

I am concerned for the State’s Financial Circumstances and question whether Treasury has valued the loss of its GST revenue since the advent of uber, plus the loss of Stamp Duty Revenue applicable to transfer of licence ownerships. I don’t accept that GST Revenue is a Federal issue only, because the GST belongs to Queensland.

I am worried for the fate of Regional and Rural Cab Operators through loss of viability if uber is allowed to continue to operate.

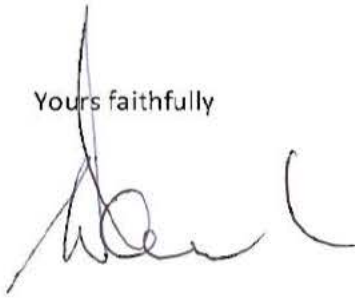
I am also worried (probably more so than DTMR) for the people in the community of Rural Queensland who are fighting for survival now without the added hardships of loss of a taxi service.

I care for the welfare of those in our Community with Special Needs as Taxis are their only real form of public transport.

Yes, I support the amended bill and any further amendments which would force the police to enforce the law with respect to uber.

I think everybody in the State should support the bill for not to do so will only encourage others to break the law.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W Parker', written in a cursive style.

William Parker (Bill)



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