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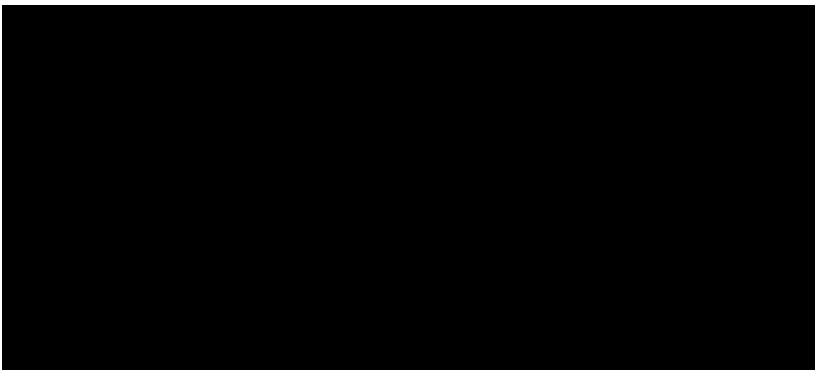
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Transport Legislation (Taxi Services) Amendment Bill 2015

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This is our story :-

We purchased our Gold Coast Taxi licence in mid 1998 for an outlay of around \$400,000 and subsequently financed it by way of our own capital and a mortgage over our house at the above address. We operated the the taxi ourselves and at times employed 3 or 4 part time drivers. The mortgage has been paid in full and we are debt free. Now that we are retired we have leased the licence out to provide us with a reasonable retirement income and to retain the asset for sale in our later years.

We have at all times paid government fees, insurances, rank security, registration, gst, income tax and a few traffic fines (which carried demerit points and certainly weren't paid by Gold Coast Cabs). We have

always been good law obeying citizens and have paid our own way without being a burden on society.

In the meantime our business is being eroded by the criminals who purport to be a ride sharing service with all the apps and the self-serving media coverage who call themselves uber and are nothing more than an organized crime group operated by a massive overseas company who pay no tax in Australia and disregard all laws of the land and dismiss without acknowledgement government orders to cease and desist.

The uber issue is giving us a great deal of stress and we are gravely concerned about our ability to continue to be self funded retirees as we now risk everything and will no doubt end up on the full age pension and then be a burden on society through no fault of our own.

We fully support the Transport Legislation(Taxi Service)Amendment Bill 2015.

Stuart and Margaret Forbes