

Transport Legislation (Taxi Services) Amendment Bill 2015

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Attention to the Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources Committee,

We make this submission in support of the Amendment Bill for increased penalties for drivers of any illegal taxi service, such as Uber.

We can't believe that a Bill has to be passed by Government to penalise an illegal Taxi operation when the Government already has the power to stop them from operating, but choose not to.

As you are our elected government, we don't need to tell you that any taxi service, (such as Uber & Lyft) which is operating ILLEGALLY should be shut down, as it is against the LAW, and you are not upholding the LAWS that are in place in this beautiful State of Queensland.

Being small business owners, we are not against competition, but at least give us a fighting chance.

At least enforce driver penalties, such as losing points against their licences for these Illegal Taxis and enforce all other laws and requirements adhered to by Legal Taxis.

There can never be a level playing field for Industry competition unless the Illegal Taxis pay the Hundreds of Thousands of Dollars plus stamp duty for each of their licences that the Legal Taxis have paid, and then they are made to conform to the same rules and regulations of Legal Taxis.

Then maybe it would be an even playing field.....

If these people who are driving these vehicles really want to be taxi drivers.....then let them find employment with one of the LEGITIMATE taxi companies.

I don't understand why it's soooooo hard to make you realise that we have played by the rules.....your rules.....

But you don't seem to know how to enforce them against this American company...What would happen if the roll was reversed?

America wouldn't stand for us NOT adhering to their laws.

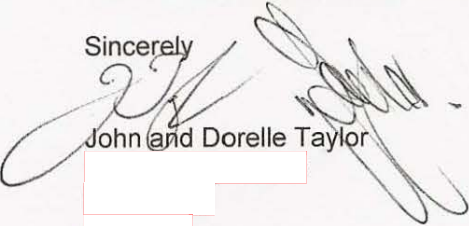
But this seems too hard for you, our current Government, who by the way, promised to help small business owners.

Every Taxi Licence holder is a small business owner creating employment for many drivers, with Governments, both State and Federal always spruiking that they support Small Business.

However, we are not seeing much support for the Legal Taxi Industry from Government.

We truly hope that passing this Amendment Bill will be the start of Government support.

Sincerely


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