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- As the review committee looking into the KAP proposed Transport Amendment bill, I and other taxi license holders are pleading for existing laws to be enforced and a level playing field to be created.
- Please stand up and support Queensland businesses and workers who are law abiding Queenslanders who pay taxes and where all profits are channeled back into the Queensland community (and not to foreign companies),

Please vote in favour of this Transport Amendment Bill.

- I own and operate two taxi service licenses in Bundaberg. I have made significant personal investment to purchase and operate my business. My businesses provide full time employment for 8 Queenslander and supports other local businesses. The incursion into the market of share riding companies like Uber and for that matter licensed clubs operating courteous buses threatens the livelihood of all of these people.
- I do hope to be a self-funded retiree and investing in a QLD Government regulated industry would provide security for my future. I am how faced with tremendous financial pressure in the operation on my business more then likely leading to bankruptcy.

In the future you will expect to see a migration from selffunded retirees to government-backed pensions as revenues from and values of the license plate holders decline dramatically.

Queensland doesn't need more part time employment and people working second jobs it needs full time employment. As jobs for part-time amateurs open up under the share riding Uber model, expect thousands of full-time professional cabbies to leave the industry simply because their livelihoods have been destroyed as incomes drop to less than the dole. In fact, expect some of these drivers to actually take up the dole.

- I am a self-employed person who pays tax and operates within the government regulations and not a mega rich company who thinks they are above the laws and regulations of Queensland and want everyone to change for to their business model.
- I urge you to support The Transport Legislation (Taxi Services) Amendment Bill 2015, which proposes to increase penalties through the demerit points system for those operating a taxi service without a license.

Regards

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