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## **SUBMISSION**

### **Transport Legislation (Taxi Services) Amendment Bill 2015**

In 1986 I purchased a Brisbane Taxi License. I paid the Qld Government the required stamp duty, and, since that day I have driven and operated my taxi according to the laws made by the Qld government. I have charged only what the Qld Government allowed me to charge, I have replaced my vehicle at 6 years of age as directed by the Qld Government, I have had my vehicle inspected every 6 months by the Qld Government, I have maintained my vehicle, kept the appropriate maintenance and service records as required by the Qld Government and I have followed, to the letter, each and every subsequent piece of legislation enacted by the Qld Government. I have kept the appropriate financial records, paid income tax, and since its' inception, have remitted the appropriate of amount of GST to the Federal government each and every month.

My reward for 30 years of honest, law abiding toil has been to watch the Qld government stand idly by and allow my income to be slashed and my business and the entire taxi industry to be placed in dire jeopardy by illegal taxi services such as uber x. Since its' arrival in Qld over 12 months ago uber x and uber x drivers have knowingly and willingly broken the law every single day.

After fiddling for a year while the taxi industry burns, the Qld Government have now decided to extend the free run of uber for a further 12 months pending an enquiry. If the current situation is allowed to prevail this will mean that an American Company that pays no tax in Australia has been permitted to operate illegally at the expense of law abiding taxpayers such as myself. The unfairness of this should disgust any fair minded person. To this end, it is only reasonable that demerit points be given to uber x drivers who continue to thumb their collective noses at the laws of this State.

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