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To: <u>Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources Committee</u>
Subject: Transport Legislation (Taxi Services) Amendment Bill 2015

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Hi,

I would like to make a submission against the illegal taxi operations and for the introduction of demerit points for a person who provides a taxi service without a taxi service licence or a peak demand taxi permit.

Our country prides itself on safety and if we are to uphold this standard then the Government needs to enforce a fair playing field across all providers in the taxi industry. The constant message portrayed by the media regarding Uber is that it is cheaper and reliable than taxis. People don't realise that if they're involved in an accident whilst they are in a car operated by an Uber driver, that they are not covered by insurance. This is just one of many examples of the flaws of the illegal taxi operations. The public needs to be made aware of these issues and the Government needs to enforce the same rules and regulations against Uber as the taxi industry abides by. What future does our country have if fair competition isn't enforced.

Regards, Jason Button