

Submission: **Transport Legislation (Taxi Services) Amendment Bill 2015**

As an owner of a Black and White Cab I would like to make this submission in support of the Transport Legislation (Taxi Services) Amendment Bill 2015.

Firstly, I need to express my disbelief about what is happening in the taxi industry. How can a government let a overseas based company enter into the Australian market, ignore every regulation that has been set for an industry and run an illegal taxi service? The company provides a service that breaks every regulation set by the Queensland Government, is therefore not legal and yet it is allowed to advertise freely about it cheap rides, provide training in acknowledged, well advertised locations, and be an topic of discussion for it's merits. This advertising encourages everyday Queenslanders to also join them in breaking our Queensland State Government laws.

This activity has undermined the integrity of the industry and made cab licenses worthless. Over 2200 small business taxi license owners are being put at risk by an illegal operation. For many of these law abiding, tax paying citizens, they will be faced by a catastrophic financial disaster. And to date the Queensland Government has taken no action.

This Bill Amendment will deter illegal taxi drivers from providing a service against current regulations. However, more must be done to uphold the regulations that all licensed taxis MUST adhere to.

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Ron Proberts