The Chairman Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources Committee

Dear Madam/Sir

Re: Submission- Transport Legislation (Taxi Services) Amendment Bill 2015

I fully support the objective of the new above Bill. Illegal operators should not be allowed to operate and current penalties are not working. I fully support the introduction of the demerit points system and any other penalties which will remove illegal Taxi operators from the State. Should they wish to operate they should comply with all State, Federal and Local Government Laws. All (repeat all) Operators should comply with the rules and regulations governing the Taxi industry.

The current fines are not working as illegal operators are refusing to pay or disputing these fines in court. This is a waste of Taxpayers money.

Some of the existing illegal Taxi operators are Large Multinationals and are deliberately flouting the law of the state of Queensland. (Also flouting Federals laws including Australian Tax Laws eg. not paying GST or income Tax).

The "Level playing field" mantra is not being upheld, enforced or encouraged.

Regards

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