

Research Director

Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources Committee

Parliament House

George St,

Brisbane, QLD.

Dear Sir,

I have owned and driven a taxi since 1965. I lease my taxi licence to Premier Taxi Management and I drive a taxi Monday to Friday every week. The payment I receive from the lease is so that when I retire I will be a self-funded retiree. The value of my taxi has diminished and so will my income from my licence as the taxi takings have decreased. Therefore my dependence will be on the Age Pension which I DO NOT want to do.

My weekly income from driving a taxi has decreased by \$250.00 per week since Uber (illegal taxis) have started to operate. They operate without any regards to Queensland Law and Regulations.

Uber and other illegal taxis claim they are cheaper than taxis because they have "new technology" when neither Uber or their drivers pay GST or income tax. Uber does NOT have the necessary compliance requirements of other public transport providers. Uber has no intention of complying with the existing standards required by Queensland or Australian law. They expect to come to this country and dictate to Australian governments how the law has to be changed NDREAS to suit their requirements, not the community's needs.

When TMR CAN NOT penalise Uber drivers it is time that the Police should uphold the laws of Queensland. Giving Uber drivers a penalty plus three points against their drivers licence would be a great start. We NEED this NOW as taxis are suffering financially.

Yours faithfully,

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