

I am writing to express my concern as a part of the state's taxi industry, which is made up of over 15,000 small business operators.

For some time now, the illegal taxi service uber has been operating in Queensland despite the State Government issuing them with "Cease and desist" notices.

We would like see the committee pass the Bill regarding demerit points (to deduct from offending drivers) and the licences of repeat offenders suspended.

FACT: Outside of discriminating who can or cannot use the service, Uber operates without complying with safety regulations, without paying Australian tax and it openly flouts the law.

While the Government has enforced compliance and fined drivers some \$2 million to date, uber has paid the fines and the drivers have escaped with no consequences.

Taxis pay significant money to comply with regulations that protect Queenslanders and it is time to create a level playing field and not only support the thousands of small business people that make up the QLD taxi industry – and who pay their taxes – but to protect the travelling public.

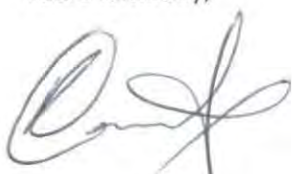
We note that Labor in opposition made a commitment to enforce compliance more decisively, and we now request that you honour that commitment.

There cannot be one law for illegal taxi operators and another law for everyone else.

If the Government does not enforce regulation in this area, what point is any government regulation in any area?

I look forward to seeing political integrity upheld regarding this matter.

Yours faithfully,



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