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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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To Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources Committee,

I am writing to support the changes to the "Transport Operations (Passenger Transport) Act 1994.

If this is the only way we can deter such illegal and disregard for our laws then let's start here.

As a law abiding and educated member of an Australian Community I am failing to understand How and Why a "Ride Share/Taxi Operation can operate outside the current Laws and Legislation that has been put in place to ensure the safety of the public.

Take for an example the "Insulation Scheme" that was implemented in 2009 by a previous Government and How that ended. I appreciate this was not a transport issue but something similar when not all observations and abidements of the existing laws have been considered and implemented.

Who would be responsible if something was to happen to a "member of the public" or a "driver" before some, or any kind of regulation, can come into effect for this other form of "Taxi".

Safety of the public is one of my biggest concerns. Who is monitoring the hours a driver can work? Who is monitoring previous driving history of this driver? How law abiding are they? Many more questions come to mind.

In closing I believe in Fair and Equal Rights for everything. So I encourage competition but it needs to be on equal playing fields.

Thank You for taking the time to read my submission.

Joanne Hornby

PS. Imagine the extra revenue that could be received if we all where equal!