

In Queensland, Uber was issued a cease and desist notice in May 2014, unless or until they complied with Dept of Transport Legislation. Uber ignored the notice, gave the Qld Government the 2 finger salute, and commenced operations illegally, not having the required licences, accreditations, Insurance to name but a few. Given the illegal operation, Uber drivers faced on the spot fines of \$1707 for driving without authorisation and \$1366 for providing a taxi service without a licence.

Uber have disregarded and broken all of our laws to run their illegal business, yet they hide behind our laws to avoid prosecution trying to negate having to pay GST and insist they are not a taxi business.

Uber marked one year of operations on the Gold Coast recently, claiming it had provided more than 327,000 trips in the city over the past 12 months.

UBER HAVE THEREFORE CONCEEDED TO HAVING FACILITATED BREAKING THE LAW 327,000 TIMES.

Assuming an average fare of \$15.00, Gross Income would therefore be in the vicinity \$4.9M of which; -

1. Uber transferred \$980,000 to it's own account in Amsterdam Tax Free.
2. Queensland lost \$446,000 in GST revenue.
3. Australia lost Tax receipts of who knows on the residual \$4.0 million. I'm quite sure Uber drivers don't pay much tax, as they are not GST registered.

If Uber did 327,000 trips on the Gold Coast, they would have undertaken twice that number in Brisbane. They have therefore probably; -

1. Transferred \$3.0M to their account in Amsterdam Tax Free.
2. Queensland would have lost \$1.5M in GST.
3. Tax receipts foregone on the residual \$12.0M, who knows.

Clearly the Queensland tax payer is subsidizing Uber. WHY?

Committee Members, the Media and The Labour Party put Bronwyn Bishop to the sword for spending \$3227.00 on a helicopter ride, yet does nothing, and says nothing whilst an American Company fleeces us for tens of millions Australia wide.

Solution. Change the laws retrospectively to May 2014 to; -

1. Fine them \$1.004B for the admitted 327,000 trips multiplied by the fine amount of \$3,073. This amount can be then held in a reserve account to pay out Taxi Licence holders, (if necessary) pending the outcome of the review.
2. Demand Uber provide evidence of their Liability Insurance. If they don't, they probably don't have any. If they are not insured the Qld Government should fine them. See point 3 below for non compliance of our laws.
3. Demand Uber cease operations until such time as the review is completed. Introduce a fine of \$5/10M for each day they don't comply.

Uber is a cancer and it needs to be cut out. The Qld Government needs call the shots, and make an example of a business which does not comply to our rules and regulations. This rouge operator doesn't respect our laws to which every other business does.

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