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### Submission re Uber

As an owner operator of Taxi Licences I have seen many changes over the years.

Drivers must have a Hire Drivers Licence and to obtain one they must do a course with either Black and White Cabs or Yellow cabs it is here that they must pass a language test, knowledge of the area and pass a criminal and driving records check. The owner of the Taxi must check weekly with Department of Transport to check the status of each hire driver.

All Taxi drivers must be registered for GST have an ABN, lodge BAS and tax returns. And as they come under the bailment agreement there is no superannuation, holiday pay or sick pay.

The level of security that taxi have to obtain means that they are fitted with live tamper proof cameras and gps tracking devices so that the company and police can pinpoint the taxi position in the event of a problem.

The passenger pays the driver for the fare in either cash or card all cars are fitted with eftpos machines. This money does not leave Australia as opposed to UBER where the money leaves Australia and therefore the Government does not receive any GST or income Tax monies.

**Uber has come into this country and set up business without regard to the laws that have been in place to protect the public, if the public break the law then they are fined and loose there licence, what is the government doing to stop this behaviour. By the government not taking action then it means that we all can break the law without any consequence.**

The Queensland Transport Department has worked very hard with the Taxi council to uphold and maintain a high level of security and standard of operations. This relates to Drivers, owners and cars. This costs the Government a large amount of money but safety is essential for the general public.

Uber drivers only have to have a driver's licence and a basic police check.

Uber cars are just ordinary passenger vehicles with no signage to protect the public.

Taxi cars are fitted with emergency distress signals in car recording which goes back to bas so that assistance can be obtained.

Taxi must have Commercial insurance which is a lot more expensive that normal vehicle insurance, this is to cover the paying passengers if the need arises.

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