Research Director - Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources Committee

We fully support the proposed amendments to the Transport Operations Act 1994 as mooted by the Katter Australia Party as being the most effective way in combating the illegal operations of so called *ride sharing services*. Set out below are some of our reasons in support of the amendments.

- We as ordinary family investors abiding by Qld Legislation, mortgaged our house to purchase a taxi licence as part of our investment portfolio to provide for our retirement. The Qld Government, in allowing Uber an illegal ride share service to operate, has devalued and undermined the value of our investment. This adds greatly to our financial risk with no net gain.
- Taxi Licence Holders pay Operator Accreditation Fees and Security Levy Fees. Uber do not pay these fees. This is not a fair and level playing field?
- Uber do not undertake any legislative requirement that ensures client safety. Eg, no GPS monitoring, no driver criminal history checks, no in car camera monitoring, no driver training, no six monthly mechanical checks.
- Illegal taxis are not covered by insurance and neither are their passengers.

Taxi Licence Holders abide by the Transport Legislation Act. However Uber doesn't and is prepared to pay their drivers' fines. The best course of action is the introduction of the demerit point system that effects the drivers directly.

Regards

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