

Submission: *Transport Legislation (Taxi Services) Amendment Bill*

I can't understand how Uber taxis can still be in operating in Queensland! They started working here even though they knew what they were doing was illegal! It is an overseas company which has very large corporations backing it, to force its way in illegally. Uber pays all the fines the drivers get and they advertise even though it's illegal for them to operate. I understand France has banned Uber.

It seems that Uber works on the assumption that they have the money and if they just keep pushing they'll be allowed to operate legally. This to me seems very heavy handed and not a company we should be letting operate in Australia!

The Department of Transport auctions new Taxi Licences but once you own a licence, you are able to sell them.

The Taxi Industry is regulated by The Department of Transport and my parents as a taxi owner have to pay The Department of Transport to have that licence.

Taxi owner pays about \$450 000 or more and are used as investments. The owner pays higher insurance, registration, fees to Transport as well as for camera and other equipment in the car.

There is no level playing field with Uber just a heavy hand wanting more profits.

My parents have one license that they used to operate themselves, until they retired and now it is leased to Yellow Cabs. This has caused them a lot of stress, they feel they've lost and their license will be worth nothing that they will end up on a pension. I work fulltime and as their carer, it's hard to watch and listen to my mum talking about seeing Uber being talked about on TV. My parents thought they had done something good to help me out as the taxi license was being left to me.

Questions:

- What benefit does Transport Department get from Uber?
- Does Uber pay GST?
- Do their profits go overseas?
- Is there a security check on the Uber drivers?
- Are there vehicle inspections?
- What is done with regard to appropriate insurance and driver's license?
- I assume taxi licenses will be worthless?
- I assume more people like my parents and myself will require pensions?
- What would be done to compensate those who own licenses?

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