From: <u>Irene Jo</u>

To: <u>Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources Committee</u>

Subject: Submission on Illegal Taxi

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Dear Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources Department,

My name is Irene Imsun Jo who is a wife of John Kyung Sik Kim, full time worker and a mom of 3 years old boy. I am writing this email to ask you to take serious considerations not to allow illegal taxi, Uber in Queensland.

My husband, John Kyung Sik Kim started his job with Black & White cab since 2005 so this year will be 10-11 years since he drove for Brisbane based customers and in March 2011, he bought Taxi licence for Maxi with the License price of \$330,000 + taxi price of \$50,000 and nearly 95% he borrowed money from bank.

Since he started his own taxi business in March 2011, he returned every month with the bank interest of \$3,454 for Licence and \$1,041 for Taxi loan per month. Except these, he has to pay Taxi Insurance (about \$800/month), Registration fee, VAT Tax, Maintenance expenses and etc. Hence, I had to manage our house economy as supporting with my salary because although he has been working as diligent as possible, he had to manage all required above expenses every single month. For over 5 years, he repaid the interest to bank and his only wish was he expect his License could be worth it when he repaid all 10 years after.

My husband starts his working from 5:30am and comes home at 8:30 to 9:30pm even later everyday. In 2011, 2012 his business was profitable but since end of 2012, it was consistently down turn and since early 2014, he has been survived in order to repay for bank loan and not to be a debt.

Now, as you have heard from lots of operators, drivers, owner drivers, who they have been LONG TIME SURVIVED by themselves & COOPERATIVELY maintained with Qld Government, but their ENORMOUS effort & Assistance could be nothing at all under UNFAIR enough trial by ILLEGAL Taxi.

I am not a Taxi industry specialist and also has never involved for any rally or participation before however, in these days, I couldn't bear when I looked at my husband face as showing grievance, agony, serious physical and mental health problems, many sleepless nights and unbalancing for family life.

How you are going to plan to compensate for these people who built up & sustained for this Industry for such a long time? How you are going to give any other benefits for these people who has sacrificed for all Queensland customers and contributed for Transport Industry for such a long time? How you are going to see these sacrificed people and hopeless their many family?

Please do NOT allow Uber taxi in Brisbane for these reasons.

Yours sincerely

Irene Imsun Jo