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Research Director
Infrastructure, Planning & Natural Resources Committee
Parliament House
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Re: Transport Legislation (Taxi Services) Amendment Bill 2015

Dear Sir or Madam,

We are writing in support of the above Bill, introduced by Rob Katter, MP, on the 16th of September. Our concern is in relation to the recent rise of “Uber” taxi drivers in Queensland, and their potential impact. An illegal taxi service, existing alongside services covered by existing Laws weakens the way people perceive current laws. If it continues, it will see qualified taxi drivers loosing work, but worse, it will be only a matter of time before someone is either kidnapped, raped or murdered by a professed “Uber” driver. How does one consider a driver to be a “Safe” driver, not just in relation to their driving history, but in relation to their fellow citizens? Regulating this illegal service, were it to be made legal, would be unmanageable.

The current taxi services offered in Queensland has been built on laws and regulations that have been carefully considered within parliament over many years. Those regulations are in place to protect their: 1. customers, 2. the taxi owners and, 3. their drivers. Of paramount concern is their customers; particularly if something bad happens to customers when taken by an illegal “Uber” driver who may have the wrong intentions regarding those customers.

Please consider these issues in relation to your considerations of the above mentioned Bill.

Yours sincerely,

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Signed:

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