

**From:** [Mick Brosnan](#)  
**To:** [Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources Committee](#)  
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Dear Sir/Madam, I am a taxi licence holder since 1987 and have also been employed by both Ascot Taxis and B&W Cabs as a fleet

manager for a period of four years from 1992 to 1996 so I have a sound knowledge of the industry and its workings.

I would therefore like to submit my observations re the regulation of the industry.

We have a well regulated industry in Queensland and we need more regulation not less as the unlawful ride share app Uber seem to

suggest. De-regulating well regulated industries has proven to be an exercise in error as demonstrated by the Fuel Industry and

the Banking Industry just to name two. There are many others where the cost to the consumer has blown out of proportion to the

perceived benefits. Our supermarkets are a case in point driving out all the competition with cheap prices and when the opposition are

resource depleted up go the costs and charges and the end user, the little man in the street is the ultimate victim to the corporate

giants whose prime motivation is greed driven profiteering.

On a few of the technical points of the current Taxi Industry, our motor vehicle system of inspections is second to none. Our vetting

of drivers could do with a little fine tuning but on the whole is a rock solid procedure that prevents in the main persons of undesirable

character from entering or remaining in our industry. Our wheelchair accessible vehicles give freedom to a section of our community

who would otherwise be virtually housebound. We provide legitimate employment to a huge number of people and in the main most

of the Taxi Licence holders are or will become self funded retirees lessening the burden on Government and therefore the taxpayer.

This insurgent organization known as Uber cannot be allowed to come to our country and run rampart over our laws and legitimate

regulated industries just because they want to. Many countries around the world have legislated

them out of business and rightly so.

I would hope that the Queensland Legislative Assembly does the right thing by its citizens and does likewise.

Thanking you for your attention, Michael John Brosnan J.P. Qual. 69840.

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