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To: [Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources Committee](#)
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In January 2003, I purchased a taxi licence to support my retirement and as I am currently 64 years of age, I am concerned at your government's inaction to addressing the unregulated encroachment of Uber upon this industry.

I accept in the advancement of technology and therefore the rise of unregulated, uninsured services like Uber or Air B & B both of which have substantially depreciated the value of existing taxi licences and management rights of holiday letting unit complexes. The Queensland Government sold these taxi licences by tender. The number of licences was controlled and this process determined a value which has now been severely eroded and will continue to decline unless Uber is regulated. The understanding that no decision will be forthcoming until after August 2016 is disappointing as Canberra has already legislated the ACT's approach to Uber yet the Queensland Government's is unable to make a decision.

May I suggest you suspend all fees, charges and levies raised by your Government from regulated taxi licence holders until such time that legislation is passed. This would force Uber operators to become regulated and pay a licence fee for the opportunistic privilege they have established.

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