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To: [Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources Committee](#)
Subject: Submission Re; Transport Legislation (Taxi Service) amendments Bill 2015.
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Dear Chair and Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission.

My wife and I are the owners of two taxi licences in Townsville and I am concerned at the operation of the illegal point to point services being carried out in Queensland.

All taxi operators and managers have abided by the rules and regulations of Queensland Transport for many years and understand the importance of these regulations and why they were introduced.

It is unacceptable that a foreign operator can set up operations in our state and not comply with the law of the land. This action could have serious flow on repercussions. I appreciate the efforts of QT to enforce their regulations however the illegal operator thinks because they have plenty of funds backing the organisation they can carry on by just paying the fines.

The introduction of demerit points will assist QT enforce the regulations more effectively against these perpetrators.

Another path of action which I feel should be explored is to enforce action against the local Managers of the illegal operation. They are using a mobile phone service to conduct an illegal operation.

I believe the State Government should explore all avenues to ensure compliance of their own regulations.

I look forward to positive outcomes from this process.

Regards

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