

Dear Esteemed Representatives of Queensland

I would like to make a submission to you against giving UBER any standing in our state.

Uber drivers flout the law by driving illegally, not paying State and Federal Taxes or fees and give nothing to our economy apart from multi levels of economic disparity. Uber itself does not pay Taxes and it is questionable as to whether their drivers pay as well. The loss of GST income by avoidance by Uber and its drivers is unacceptable to voters and taxpayers of this state. The tax and GST is approximately 25% of each fare and in such challenging economic times this loss is totally unacceptable.

In recent times the level of frustration over the laws for the overseas companies and their workers paying no tax and taking a livelihood from an average tax paying working man have shown a propensity to cause a gravitation towards violence by ordinary citizens which is also unacceptable.

When I became a citizen of this great country I swore to uphold the law as did you when taking office. Then I ask why an organisation and its members are being allowed to break some of those laws and too many ordinary voting citizens be seen to be encouraged by lack of affirmative action by our elected representatives. Is there a new class level forming in our society of the Uber group and then those of us who belong to a law abiding society or are we now all allowed to be selecting which laws we too can flout and get away with. If this is not the case then perhaps a case of discrimination could be brought for surely what is good and right for one is the same for all.

I have a disability which challenges my mobility. Do I travel with a driver who has been police checked and trained, in a vehicle that has been registered and certified as safe on a regular schedule and that has a despatch room that will respond to any queries or do I risk myself in an unknown vehicle with a driver that is literally anyone. People with mobility issues have enough challenges without their safety being at risk. Yellow Cabs (as an example) provide wheelchair friendly vehicles in their fleet. Uber has none. Surely this is a breach of anti discrimination laws

Recently I required a taxi to a medical facility late at night, who was available? No Uber drivers but a yellow cab. Uber is only available at select times when their drivers are available while cab companies supply their service 24/7 365 days of the year. Why should they be penalised for what is right when others are reward for doing what is not? Cab companies provide a service to all parts of the service area they cover including suburban fringe areas which are less profitable and charge the same rates as per the meter whether they drove 2 mins to pick up a fare or 20 mins. Yes, Uber will, if there is a driver available and willing, drive out to fringe areas but the cost is significantly more. Some areas such as Tamborine Mountain no longer have a bus service but do have a workers cab run by Yellow Cabs from Tambourine to Beenleigh railhead for a flat rate. Uber wants \$35.00 -45 a person and cant guarantee that they will have a driver available either to or from the rail. Such a situation highlights both the risk to continued employment of these workers and to services. Why should yellow cabs continue and take a driver off the road losing income on more lucrative routes to provide a service when Uber can pick and choose and charge what they want

Uber talks of using the latest technology but their "Apps" are less than what is currently available for the last 2 years with most major centre cab companies. Cab companies have state of the art dispatch and tracking systems so they can see when and where a cab and passenger is. Uber does not.

When a passenger gets into a cab in Brisbane they can see the registration of their driver and their photo so they know that the driver has undergone police checks but with Uber there is no such reassurance. When the passenger pays they can have an on the spot receipt after seeing the meter and all additional charges but Uber has "surge pricing" and the fare can be adjusted by the driver and the passenger is none the wiser until their bank statement arrives. This must surely contravene consumer laws and protection.

Drivers with registered cab companies undergo a certified training course and regularly have training updates but Uber has

The economic ramifications are substantial. When the taxi licences become unviable then owners will have to turn elsewhere. Many hardworking and law-abiding citizens who do not want to burden the superannuation system and who are post retirement age will need to turn to the government for a full pension

When the owners no longer (because they have given up and taking vehicles off the road)

(Assuming 50 out of every 100 licences would be retired as no longer financially viable)

pay on road costs(ctp and registration and costs) $\$10500 \times 1 = 10500.00$ Uber pays \$700

Buying and setting up of new taxis = $\$45000.00 \times 1 = 45,000.00$ / 6 years allowed on roads = \$ 7500.00

Total =17,500.00 per licence on average per year

Total licences $2000 / 2 = 1000 \times 17500.00 = \$17,500,000.00$ as an example

When drivers and mechanics and despatch staff no longer pay income taxes because there is no work for them who makes up the shortfall in State and Federal revenue as it won't be Uber as they don't pay tax.. The detrimental cascade effect to other businesses such as fleet car sales and tyre companies for example would be damaging to our recovering economy.

Will the members of parliament who think/act positively toward Uber make up the shortfall in the states and federal budget?

The taxpayers should not be made to pay more as this potential state of affairs would be through questionable mismanagement and illegal enterprises.

As a law abiding citizen I respectfully ask that the laws of our state be upheld and enforced



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