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Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources Committee
Parliament House
George Street
Brisbane Qld 4000

Re - Transport Legislation (Taxi Services) Amendment Bill 2015 ("*the Bill*")

Dear Sir/Madam,

Competition? UBER is the giant in the room with 50 Billion. The taxi owners are the ants getting trampled on.

Governments should look at the regulations they presently have in place and ensure they are followed and properly enforced. If a minority of taxis are below par – take them off the road until they comply with the regulations that exist. The whole state should not be punished if very small pockets exist that require better enforcement.

6 monthly inspections from QTransport should ensure no taxi is allowed on the road that is below par. This in turn would benefit the 99+ percent of owners / operators / drivers who always strive for the best taxi service in the world.

My life's work and my wife's life's work and savings has gone into the taxi industry and I get to watch many politicians give absolutely no regard to the massive investment my family have made. The plate value in Cairns has already lost over \$100000 and continues to fall.

Suicides of farmers - Does anyone care? Suicides of taxi owners will be your next media story as banks move in to repossess homes. You can not pay \$537 000 for a Cairns Taxi Plate and \$60 000 to buy a share in a taxi booking company and expect banks to sit back and smile when the value plummets. Who thought an illegal entrant who can say and do whatever they want would cause this disaster.

No one ever expected the competition would come from an overseas giant who laughs at present regulation and tries to intimidate any politician who does not match the laws they want to create.

I support Penalty Points against drivers working illegally for any Ride Sharing Organisation including UBER. Regulations and laws should be followed regardless of who you are!

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Hayles'.

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