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To
Infrastructure, Planning and Resources Committee

Dear Sir

I am the owner of a single Taxi license in Queensland and cannot believe that the Queensland Government has allowed totally unregulated businesses to enter the regulated passenger transport industry virtually without a whimper. For many many years the Government has extracted large amounts of money from the Taxi industry in fees and charges through their various agencies while at the same time imposing more and more regulations, saying that these were essential to improve customer service. Now it appears that all these regulations are null and void and just by Uber simply saying that they are provide a "Ride Sharing" service and not a "Taxi" service.

Queensland Transport has to date only been able to fine drivers who are caught providing this service without the proper authority but as Uber has been paying these fines for the drivers it has had no impact on the problem. Also, to my knowledge, no fines have been imposed for using a vehicle that is not registered and insured for commercial use.

The value of my Taxi license makes up a substantial part of my retirement plans, or at least it did, until Uber was allowed to operate allowed unchecked and unregulated. I am too old to go back to and start again in a different occupation so the Queensland Parliament is holding my retirement plans in its hands.

I sincerely hope the proposed amendments can bring some justice for the Taxi industry.

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