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Hi there,

I am writing this letter regarding the problem we are facing due to the illegal ride sharing company called uber.

First of all , I would like to draw your kind attention the way they operate. They exactly work like taxis and they call it ride sharing. Ride sharing is something where driver and rider goes in the same direction and they share the fuel or cost.

Secondly, as compare to the taxis their operating cost is nothing. As a taxi driver I have noticed that they have taken at least 30% business of taxis. Last Sunday night I waited almost 90 minutes at caxton street to get the fare. I saw around 15 uber cars took fares in front of me. Every time I see uber picking up people in front of me I feel ripped off. On the top of that taxi operators don't care about anything, all they care about is money. When we ask them to reduce the setpay or reduce the targets set by them they don't even listen to us. Until today only drivers are loosing money not cab companies or cab license owners. They are getting the same amount of money they were getting two years ago.

Thirdly, uber is multi million dollar company. They are throwing money to attract more customers. But what is government doing?

That means any company with big money can come to Australia and start their operations tell government to bend according to them. That means government can amend the law if you have money.

Lastly, it is a small piece of cake. Now the way everything is going taxis and über is sharing the business.If uber will be legalised than 20 more companies will come to Australia and start the same thing . Than what will happen to at least 15000 full time drivers in Queensland and where is the fair go? What can't taxis become cheaper.

My suggestion to the government to make taxis 20% cheaper and stop illegal taxis.