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Subject : Transport Legislation (Taxi Services) Amendment Bill 2015
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Dear committee members,

I seek your support in Regulating changes to support the control of illegal taxi operators such as Uber. Being the owner of two taxis on the Gold Coast and paying all of the government fees , insurances & having accredited taxi drivers I am not able to understand why the Qld Gov. has not already put into legislation the means of controlling these illegal operators.

The taxi industry is heavily regulated by the Government. It provides a safe & convenient way of transport to all Queenslanders. Uber claims it does likewise. However it can only operate using an app & paying with credit card . The taxi industry has also an app but allows the passenger to pay by cash or credit card. They can also hail a cab unlike Uber. I have invested heavily in two taxi plates(approximately 1.2 Million dollars) plates issued by Qld Transport . My investment was for my retirement but I find it now heavily devalued because of the illegal Uber.

I believe in competition on an even playing field but find it to be quite the opposite. Uber can operate with a vehicle under \$20,000 & a registration of around \$600.00. They are not required to have accredited taxi drivers or have public liability. The operators do not pay GST or tax on the payment received from Uber. Our industry as you know pay \$ 6500.00 for a class CTP. Cameras are also required in the vehicles, Uber not. WE carry 20 million in public liability. Our vehicle are inspected regularly by QLD transport for road worthiness whereas uber vehicles have not such requirements.. Where is the even playing field? Our taxi industry employ thousands of employees from technicians to call operator to drivers. They will only stay employable whilst the taxi industry is viable!

It is with this submission I respectfully request the committee to study all the issues from all the taxi industry operators & owners & the impact it will have on Queenslanders in general.

Yours faithfully

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