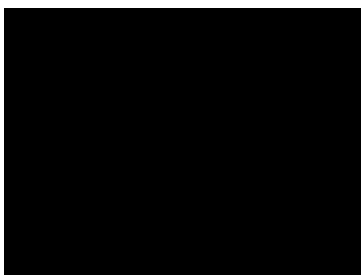


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I write in support of the legislative changes to increase penalties for any individual or entity operating an illegal taxi service.

I have been a taxi operator in the state of Queensland for over twenty years. In that time I have always adhered to the many regulations pertaining to operating a taxi service. It is with dismay that certain individuals and entities have taken it upon themselves to totally disregard the laws and legislative requirements in providing a taxi service. Furthermore certain entities providing illegal taxi services have obstructed compliance officers in carrying out their duties in enforcing the rules and requirements in our taxi industry. These requirements are vital in providing a safe and accountable transport service to the travelling public.

I am not opposed to fair competition for the taxi industry. But this competition must be a level playing field. It is essential that all those wishing to provide a taxi service to the public must comply with all the laws which every taxi operator in Queensland operates under.

It is imperative that the penalties be increased for operating an illegal taxi service and that the rule of law in Queensland not be undermined and ignored.

Taxi Operator

Sunshine Coast

I request that my name and details be withheld due to privacy concerns.