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Transport Legislation Amendment Bill 2015

Australia has regulations in place for many industries. Licences to drive cars, sell products such as alcohol, food and medicine. They are in place to protect the general public from entities who would otherwise have no care for public safety, good service, fair ethical and transparent pricing.

The taxi industry regulations evolved over many years to ensure all of these things are in place. A result of this is the industry has been burdened with a financial obligation to meet required criteria to ensure certainty of direction.

Entities who decide to simply 'open up shop' and enter the industry with virtually no costs can of course offer cheaper prices. At the same time they have no proper structure so can charge what they like at different times. I know that many of the public are not even aware of that. Without a meter, they probably have no clue they are being overcharged.

I believe many people across different industries are watching government reaction to this fiasco to see where they may not have to abide by the law and meet obligations in the future. Can you imagine the mess if rules are allowed to be ignored and you can get away with thumbing your nose at governments? If this is allowed to continue I believe we are opening up a Pandora's box of problems in many industries.

Regulations and Laws are put in place for a reason. I am asking for the Government to please stand up and show they are looking after the interest of law abiding, tax paying honest people by issuing these demerit points against the drivers of illegally operating vehicles, whilst the issue is ultimately resolved.

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