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To: [Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources Committee](#)
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To the committee members,

Re:-Transport Legislation (Taxi Services) Amendment Bill 2015

Could someone please explain why it seems that the Queensland government need to form an enquiry commission into the activities of Uber? It is clear that this US based company is operating illegally and not within the Department of Transport legislation.

Uber and their operators, do not pay any of the fees, for example security levies, that we, legitimate taxi licence holders / operators are faced with on a regular basis.

Is it too much to ask that the law be upheld, and that any illegal activity be dealt with accordingly?

I am more than sure that if there was any breach of legislation by a taxi owner, it would be dealt with swiftly and to the full extent of the law. Yet the Queensland Government seems to be turning a blind eye to the activities of an illegally set up share ride taxi service. This is unfair and unjust to the hard working legal taxi operators, who have always abided by Department of transport legislation.

Let us also remember that the Australian Taxi Industry is made up of many small local business owners. Support to them, is support to the local Australian economy. Uber, on the other hand, all profits go directly to the overseas company that ultimately own Uber, a small fee being paid to the Uber driver. This is not true support for the local economy.

An increase in fines and demerit points to be enforced on any illegal Taxi Service is a positive start in protecting the rights of those, legal taxi operators that have always upheld the law.

In summery, all we are asking for the same rules for all. If the law is broken, there should be no question of penalty.

Regards,

David Casey – Taxi Owner.