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To Whom It May Concern **Re Introduction of UBER Driver penalty demerit points**

As an Qld Accredited Operator and limousine business owner, I support the proposed introduction of Demerit points for drivers who perform transport for public passengers for UBER

Qld Transport requires us, as accredited operators, to have 6 monthly rigid "pit" inspections for a fee.

This does not apply to UBER driver. No vehicle inspection and no fees for the UBER driver or Qld Transport

Motor Vehicles insurers charge more for limousines than commercial vehicles let alone more than private vehicles.

UBER drivers mostly pay just private MV insurance thereby exposing risk to their passengers and incurring less overhead expenses.

Qld Transport rightly requires strict health, vision and police checks for Authorized Drivers. These health checks can involve specialist scrutiny which costs extra money and time for a driver who does operate under the law and regulations.

Most UBER drivers do not have a DA and therefore are not scrutinized for health issues or pay additional medical expenses, as an authorized driver with DA.

Our authorised limousines are required by Qld Transport to have specific registration which are costly to our business. For a sedan the L Plate rental is \$500 pm. For an SL plate for an older limousine, the Qld Transport fee is \$2,500 pa

Most UBER drivers are driving private sedans without the required L Plate at no cost to them and no financial benefit to Qld Transport

As an Authorized Operator, we may only provide prestige sedans for public passenger transport that have a "new" purchase price of over \$53,000

Most UBER vehicles have a considerably less new price value far below this benchmark and therefore do not incur the relevant costs/loan repayments associated with a more expensive vehicle.

The "unfair playing field" is gutting, offensive and demoralizing and has seen our sedan limousine transfers reduce by 50% in the last year. This equates to \$120,000 pa in loss of business not only to us but to our legal contract drivers and their families who have their DA and operate legally.

Please act on behalf of law abiding companies who have invested their finances and now are losing revenues to illegal passenger transport operators.

Yours sincerely,

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