

To Whom It May Concern.

I am writing to you about my grave concerns in regards to the emerging and expanding illegal taxi operations in Queensland.

I have spent many years paying tax, paying for my taxi and all the fees related to the taxi. These are imposed by the Queensland State Government and come with a threat, even today, that if not paid I will be suspended and de-licenced.

I cannot understand how a multinational from off shore can enter Australia, facilitate illegal taxi driver activities, advertise publicly and openly. They do not pay any of the required and legislated fees, costs and licence amounts. They also do not provide the minimum security measures that the Queensland Government has enforced.

They are ILLEGAL TAXIS.

As a licence owner I no longer know if I will be paid by the taxi lease holder. Taxi drivers can no longer make a living driving legal taxis, as there is no longer enough work to sustain the industry.

The Government must consider how their inaction is destroying the very industry they profit from; they rule above; and they legislate for.

Equity would require that illegal taxis and their operators should start paying all the relevant licence fees, operator accreditation, security levies and costs for installing equipment, public liability insurance, taxes and outlaying \$500,000.00 to purchase a licence.

That is the cost of a Government Regulated Queensland Taxi.

I urge the Government to pass the private member's Bill, the Transport Legislation (Taxi Services) Amendment Bill 2015. Illegal drivers without a Queensland taxi service licence or a peak demand taxi permit must sustain demerit points. Additionally I would ask for their cars to be suspended and compounded.

There is no way that we can co-exist together as legal taxi drivers and owners and unregulated, illegal taxi operators.

For us the legal, regulated taxi drivers and owners we have our entire livelihoods and lives at stake.

I hope that you can help us fix the taxi industry – you, Queensland Government, have created it.



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