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From:

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Subject: try letter

Dear Sir,

My father Francis Charles Conchan purchased a taxi for hire licence in 1959 and paid the government any requirements and costs asked of him. 61 years later I, Peter Francis Conohan (am 2nd generation) am still in the taxi industry. Therefore my father's thoughts and my thoughts are there would be a third and fourth generation in the taxi industry. This was our aim. I have been self employed for most of my life, and believed in hard work and living frugally. My goal for my working life was to provide for my family and to provide for my retirement from my savings. And through years of hard work and very long hours I believed that I had achieved that. NOW I see all that about to be taken away. It is very hard for employees who receive weekly wages, superannuation, holiday pay and sick leave to understand the sacrifices I have made to purchase my taxi business. As I earned my income...I paid my taxes and GST. With a deposit on purchasing my plate, I then borrowed from Westpac and paid interest to acquire my taxi business. Remember I planned for the future generation to come. Sometimes interest was 17% up to 21% over the years. I calculate this to be an enormous amount of money and a struggle at times.

Now we have UBER and others an illegal ride sharing operation who have paid nothing to enter the same industry. Where is the justice in a situation where one part of the industry pays high entry charges and another pays nothing to enter and engage in that same industry. I think it is highly un equitable.

Differences between the two legal or illegal.

1. Price of purchase plateNIL
2. Registration \$5000.....\$700
3. Insurance..\$6000 Class 3.....\$500
4. Operators Accreditation ...\$165....Nil
5. Rank Security \$360....Nil
6. Machinery 1/2 yearly \$87.....NIL
7. Medical for drivers Authority \$150 for 2--5 years.....Nil
8. No alcohol.....3 drinks as per a car licence
9. Cars required 24/7.....Whenever they like
10. Booking Company fees \$900 +.....Nil
11. Security Cameras.....\$4000.....Not required
12. Replacement of car every 6 years \$30,000....No restrictions
13. Stamp Duty upon purchaseNil
14. Personal accident insurance \$500....Nil

We have GPS tracking and the fares are set and governed by the Transport Department.

All these incurred costs have been paid for many years by the 3,261 plate holders of Queensland. Both Federal and State governments need to decide whether they want a legal or illegal operation? Out of the 3,261 plate holders there is 66,000 voting people involved in the tyre businesses, auto electricians, panel beaters...all small businesses who pay taxes, wages, GST. They will be affected. Queensland Transport control and set guidelines to make sure that safety comes first. No drink driving, no un road worthy cars, Cameras are installed to protect the drivers/passengers. Police do criminal checks to make sure drivers area pillar of society. Equal with police, fire and ambulance officers. All this has worked for 60 years in my lifetime as per the governments requests. Updates and improvements have regularly improved this industry.

WHY NOW THROW WHAT IS PROVEN TO BE TRUE AND WORKING WELL. All that I have worked for is lost. If rules and regulations are not obeyed why do we have a transport department? We were working towards our retirement, but now the pension is our future.

Havoc will reign.

Thanking you for accepting my opinion. Regards

Peter Conohan 18th October, 2015.

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