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To: Research Director  
Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources Committee  
Parliament House  
George Street  
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Dear Sir,

As a user of Taxi services in Brisbane I find them safe and reliable.

We should appreciate the sound organisation of Queensland's Transport system that developed over many years.

Touting is illegal. Uber is Illegal and should be stopped forthwith.

In Singapore we had previously checked out the Taxi rank at the Cruise Terminal. After returning from our cruise, immediately we stepped out of Customs, passengers were offered private car transport for \$80 to the Airport. When we declined we were told that there was a big line-up and waiting time at the Taxi Rank. This was untrue. We travelled by Silver Service Taxi an excellent journey in a clean comfortable Taxi. It cost \$23 that included \$3 surcharge.

We met two other passenger from our cruise at the Airport. They were among many who accepted the private cars. They were unaware of the real cost of legal Taxis.

Uber is illegal it should be stopped forthwith. I support the Bill Of 16 September 2015, the Member for Mount Isa, Mr Rob Katter MP, introduced a private member's Bill, the Transport Legislation (Taxi Services) Amendment Bill 2015.

The objective of the Transport Legislation (Taxi Services) Amendment Bill 2015 is to increase certain penalties in the *Transport Operations (Passenger Transport) Act 1994* to deter illegal taxi operators. The Bill proposes to do this by providing for the recording of demerit points against the traffic history of a person who provides a taxi service without a taxi service licence or a peak demand taxi permit.

Yours Faithfully,

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