


10th April 2017

To:
Committee Secretary
Public Works and Utilities Committee
Parliament House
George Street
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Regarding:

The Transport and Other Legislation (Personalised Transport Reform) Amendment Bill 2017

Dear Committee Secretary,

We are writing with regards to the proposed amendments to Legislation and Regulations regarding personalised transport in Queensland. We'd like to thank you for the opportunity to make a submission.

We are operators of 10 taxi licences. We own 7 of those licences and lease 3. We also own 1 limousine licence. The illegal operation of ride-booking in Queensland for an extended period of time and the drawn out process leading to changes in transport legislation and regulation has had a devastating effect on our family.

The key point we wish to comment on is:

19 Amendment of sch 9 (Fees and Levy)

Schedule 9 –

Insert –

4A Booked hire service licence \$237.26

A ride booking licence already exists in Queensland in the form of a Special Purpose Limousine licence.

*“The ability to prescribe a date after which **special purpose limousine licences** must not be renewed may affect the perceived rights of these licence holders. However, **these are annual licences similar to the new booked hire service licences which effectively permit the holder to provide the same services for the same term as the holder of a new booked hire service licence.**”¹*

¹ Explanatory Notes Transport and Other Legislation (Personalised Transport Reform) Amendment Bill 2017 page 5

“This section preserves the current term and renewal provisions in TOPTA for limousine service licences but also provides for special purpose limousine licences to be phased out in the future given they are an annual licence that is substantially similar to the new booked hire service licence.”²

The cost of this Special Purpose Limousine Licence is \$2480.80 per year.

It’s incomprehensible then that a new ride booking licence would be introduced at a discount of \$2243.54.

The proposed ride-booking licence fee needs to be increased to at least \$2480.80 per year.

We support the Taxi council Queensland submission and thank them for their efforts thus far.

We also support the Limousine Action Group QLD Inc and the recommendations made in their submission regarding the effects on Limousines and Limousine licenses.

With regards

Peter and Michelle Andrews

² Explanatory Notes – Notes on provisions page 20