

## Public Works and Utilities Committee

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my son who has a disability and me an aged pensioner drive uber for two totally different reasons. he because it encourages him to get out meet people and use his diminished communication skills and me because successive governments have whittled down the old aged pension and benefits to a point where i can't live on it. despite the government's insistence that pensioners work there are actually no jobs of any sort available when you declare your age so uber is really the only way to keep our heads above water.. in my case i also need the mental stimulation that uber driving gives me and rather than draw the pension and wait for the coffin i decided to uber...

between us we work around 40 hours a week and even now we make so little profit it isn't even enough to affect our pensions. increasing the fees ( and why must we have fees anyway) is just a government nonsense and jackie trad of all people knows that. if as proposed you add and increase fees it will stop us driving as we can't afford to run at a loss and it will probably destroy my life and affect david immeasurably.

my wish is that the govt stop interfering with private enterprise and let it settle down and for uber to take more responsibility for its drivers many of whom are earning less than minimum wage regularly. no fees no interference and more support from government for the service ride sharing gives the community. \ oh and while we're at it as a now professional driver i can assure you there is the immediate need for a review of road signage, speed zones, yellow lines and parking restrictions all of which add to the chaos in the city and inner city most evenings or major events.. a case in point is the police presence at suncorp on match nights closing off all streets exacerbates the whole traffic system there but i suppose does give traffic police some overtime and drivers to the area a headache.. overall too much presence of authority in any area is not good for anything. thanks jb weatherall [REDACTED]