

## Public Works and Utilities Committee

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 4 April 2017 8:11 PM  
**To:** Public Works and Utilities Committee  
**Subject:** Ride Share fees

To whom it may concern

I wish to express my concern and objections to the restrictive government measures proposed for drivers undertaking ride sharing in Queensland.

Firstly, if such measures are introduced I will discontinue my services immediately as it will make driving completely worthless and almost cost me money to continue.

At present in Queensland it is very marginal at best.

Let me enlighten you to the income we currently earn; 1. Drivers either receive 80% or 75% of the fare paid by riders (depending on when you started with Uber) 2. From this, we have to pay for fuel, servicing, insurance, state government annual driver registration, medical check and car inspection.  
3. We then pay 10% GST to the Federal Government as well as income tax on what's left.

Final returns would be lucky to be \$10 to \$15 an hour on a good day, well below the minimal casual rate for shelf fillers at Woolies or Coles. Any trade union would be appalled at such a low hourly rate, with no other benefits whatsoever.

Why would I continue driving just to pay more State Government fees. I might as well register for unemployment benefits and impose on the public purse.

At present, despite earning only \$20 to \$25 an hour before GST and income tax, I actually enjoy offering a worthwhile service and meeting people rather than stay at home. I am 63 and have been unable to find other work since being made redundant in early 2014. No one, including government is interested in employing people over 60, despite commitments to the contrary.

I urge you to please abandon imposing any further fees and restrictions on drivers, many of whom would be unable to obtain alternative employment.

Kind regards  
Peter Young