

## Public Works and Utilities Committee

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
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**To:** Public Works and Utilities Committee  
**Subject:** Submission re Transport and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2017

Roy Wyatt

### RE: Transport and Other Legislation(Personalised Transport Reform) Amendment Bill 2017

Dear Committee Secretary, I am writing to voice my concern and disappointment with the Bill and how it will negatively impact rideshare drivers (and riders) like myself.

I am 71 years old and have been the victim of a scam that has seen me lose over half a million dollars during the last two years. My whole superannuation as well as many investments built up over my lifetime have been lost. Recently I was made redundant from my job and had to apply for an aged pension. To supplement the pension I have since commenced driving for Uber. I have had great difficulty affording the startup costs as they now stand and certainly would not have been able to get started if the additional proposed costs were implemented. I currently only drive 5-10 hours a week and any additional CTP on par with full-time drivers seems unreasonable to me. Government income and individual spending is determined by costs and any further imposts will result in people like me not continuing to drive – resulting in a reduction of spending due to the loss of income as well as reducing Government income due to the loss of the annual Driver Approval fee.

Uber provides a service to riders at an affordable cost. Any increased licencing costs will surely be passed on to the consumers resulting in a reduction of the affordability of the service. I believe that, at present, I am providing a valuable service to the community which will be lost if increased licencing costs result in my having to forego this service. If I had to stop driving I would again have extreme difficulty in making ends meet. Life on an aged pension alone is not easy. As it stands I struggle to pay my mortgage and live a very frugal lifestyle. The income from rideshare driving makes a significant difference to me.

I understand that costs are significantly lower in NSW and I would be tempted to sell up and move to NSW if the proposed increases materialise. I firmly believe that the restriction of ridesharing from certain parts of the state is both unreasonable and unfair.

I sincerely hope that you will consider drivers like myself in your decision making. I would very much like to see regulations that benefit all Queenslanders and I fear that the proposed measures do not.

Thank you for your consideration of my views.

Regards

Roy Wyatt