

## Public Works and Utilities Committee

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
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**To:** Public Works and Utilities Committee  
**Subject:** Proposed new fees taxes costsetc

I write with regard to new charges and changes , my wife who could not find work in cairns is a driver and myself ,I bought a brand new car to be safe for our passengers and us as well as other road users . On day 3 with very limited experience my wife is fined for not carrying her DA drivers authorization with her even though she was approved , and had a photo of it and its on the app the transport guy fines her . We have jumped through all your hoops and now you wish to change the rules to line your pockets at our expense . We both paid for medicals , drivers authorizations , safety certificates and paid \$14000 for a new car . We pay income tax , gst , fuel which is excessive in cairns , stamp duty , rego , insurance etc etc etc ..May I suggest you stop trying make it non cost feasible with your meddling and also may I respectfully suggest that if the government has no money to take a good look at yourself and your wastage . Like kids with fingers in the lolly jar . I suspect the real reason you wish to penalise us small people over and over and over again is to protect the taxi industry , god forbid they want all their money back hundreds of thousands for number plates times how many cabs? Of course you spent all that . I appeal to you to encourage business not kill it , after all the people want this service as its cheap reliable and safe and quite frankly taxis have priced themselves out (ask any uber passenger I hear it all day long), maybe the government had a hand in that telling what they can charge . So in summary stop squeezing the little guy , stop wasting your money or our money , and remember all our customers vote so it may be wise not to squeeze them either . Cairns is tough enough to survive so please butt out thankyou Geoff McGuiness / Mako Morishima of Cairns

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