

## Public Works and Utilities Committee

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### Submission for Reviewing the Personalised Transport Reform Bill

As a Taxi owner/operator for 30 years, we purchased our licence from the Queensland Transport, and it was deemed a secure investment, an investment that would also provide us with an income for as long as we could work into the future, and this is our superannuation. Our licence was worth \$300,00 before your Government allowed ride-sharing into our state. I cannot believe we are now having to argue about a transitional assistance package for \$20,000 for our licence, when we should be able to retire and sell our taxi licence for our superannuation, however we cannot now sell our licence as your Government has devalued our licences. A fundamental objective of any government should be to provide adequate compensation when actions taken by your government devalue investments made in good faith. Two years ago we had a saleable business now it is worth nothing.

The regulation to allow ride-sharing to take over and destroy the taxi industry, even though we complied with your every request for regulation, ranging from taxi meters, cameras, GBC installation and paid all our taxes every year every piece of regulation that was imposed on our industry has just been thrown out the door to allow a multi-million dollar overseas company with no physical presence in Queensland and to hire people to go out with their own cars, get a phone app on a smartphone, without any security consideration and start picking up passengers (which is a taxi service). The ATO has deemed that they were providing taxi services and should also be subject to GST and pay tax accordingly.

If you would have made it a level playing field you should have made ride-sharing buy a licence as we all had to do. It was never a level playing field and this multi-million dollar overseas company was allowed in to take over an industry with no restrictions whatsoever placed on them. Who is going to regulate how many ridesharing companies being allowed in? They are all hire vehicles and doing taxi-type work, so why are they being classed differently?

1. All operators to buy a Service Licence to operate
2. Same Third Party Insurance & Registration costs
3. Security Cameras installed in vehicles
4. Vehicle Inspections every 6 months
5. GST compliant
6. Signage compulsory on all hire vehicles
6. Compensation package to be in alignment with what Taxi Owners have paid for a Licence

Please fix this injustice to the Australian Taxi Industry by excluding illegal ride-sharing overseas companies from operating and supporting our **16,000 small family owned Taxi businesses in Queensland** from losing their homes and lives due to this injustice.

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