

Research Director
Public Works and Utilities Committee
Parliament House
George Street
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Dear Sir/Madam

RE: SUBMISSION TO THE TRANSPORT AND OTHER LEGISLATION (PERSONALISED TRANSPORT
REFORM) AMENDMENT BILL 2017.

David Wheeler taxi licence owner Maryborough .Thank you for the opportunity to provide this submission to the Parliamentary Committee investigating the Transport and Other Legislation (Personalised Transport Reform) Amendment Bill 2017 and Transport and Other Legislation (Personalised Transport Reform) Amendment Regulation 2017 tabled in Queensland Parliament on 21 March 2017.

In relation to Bill and Regulations that seek to amend the *Transport Operations (Passenger Transport) Act 1994* to implement reforms proposed in *Queensland Personalised Transport Horizon Stage 2*.

I write to you to tell you my personal story on the impacted that prosed changes in stage 1 and now stage 2 of implement reforms proposed in *Queensland Personalised Transport Horizon*, have affected me greatly, recently a licence has sold for half of what they once were and now the amount of money I owe to the bank is more, so how can I sell my licence impossible. Iam now affectively Ninety Thousand Dollars out of pocket for my retirement because the government of Queensland has rewarded a company from overseas who trade illegal for 18 months.

What does all this mean to my family, well we thought by being good small business owners owning a taxi paying or taxes and returning money to our community by buying local we would be reward by our government what fools we were, how would politicians like their super taken away.

I started driving taxi when I was only 19 years old I have enjoyed every minute every year but now after 31 years in may this year, I am trying to pay my licence of in next 5 years. I believe in my heart if you do not listen to Taxi Councils submission with list of Requirements which I fully support 100%.. You the government will see taxi drivers lose their homes and lively hoods and family's. Sorry if I sound angry but ask yourself how you would feel in my position and all other taxi owners' futures have been destroyed.

Don't get me wrong I don't mind completion but I ask you the Question is it fair that in this second stage *Queensland Personalised Transport Horizon* the taxi industry will still pay high registration and be in a class all of our own, rideshare should have to pay the same why should they get free ride?. Okay sorry I forgot they had one ride free for 18 month trading illegally and of course me David Wheeler as taxi owner and tax pay, gst collector who lives in our great state of Queensland have been targeted to pay through the nose along with every other taxi owner . To me and my wife it looks like our high rego must be subsidising rideshare or am I just a Queenslander taxi owner who can be milked for money like a cash cow while rideshare has it cake and eat it to.

Living in as small regional area we already have competition from courtesy buses which has made it hard for our night driver to make a Dollar ,but allow uber or any other rideshare in and I may well sell my house and live in a caravan . Under advice from my accountant I must work 6 days week so I can hopefully pay my licence and get out in 5years because I believe if government keep doing in stage 2 way they propose I will walk away with nothing. Ask yourself is this the way to encourage people to buy a business? I don't think so but what would I know I am just a Queenslander not flavour of the year overseas national company.

I will keep it short and I urge you please support the taxi industry and consider The Taxi Council of Queensland's submission as I believe 100% this submission is the only fair way forward .I have attached a copy of TCQ List of Requirements to show my support of our industry which always put Queenslanders first and safety first unlike rideshare.

Yours Faithfully David Wheeler

