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To: [Public Works and Utilities Committee](#)  
Subject: Submissions to Transport and Other Legislation (Personalised Transport Reform) Amendment Bill 2017  
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Dear Minister for transport,

My name is Suresh Narayanan and I have been a lessee of a taxi licence for the past ten years. Since international ridesharing Uber came into Queensland (end of 2014), my livelihood has been affected. As of my situation today, I am borrowing money from my home loan equity to make my ends meet. To put it simply, **I AM GOING BACKWARDS** in regards to my day to day living and unable to provide my family of four the basics, as a dad would provide for his family in Australia.

Because of your department's inability to listen to the industry, yet have regulated this rideshare company in **namesake**, which is well known for its rogue attitude to every regulation, a highly regulated taxi industry in our state, **has fallen casualty**. Being a Queensland taxi driver for the last ten years, I have pride providing high standards of service for the Queensland community.

Because of the Labor government's lack of vision, our state has followed other states like a **herd of sheep**.

In 22 years of living in a great country like Australia, the future for our children and the following generations **have been ruined** by successive governments, federally and locally. From Prime Minister **Mr Paul Keating** to current Prime Minister **Mr Malcolm Turnbull** and Premier **Mr Wayne Goss** to **Ms Annastacia**, all of them talk about multinational companies not paying their fair share of tax. But I believe nobody has ever acted upon the nation's interest.

The current serving Prime Minister and Premier of our state have failed miserably to stop this multinational rideshare company which I understand hasn't even got an office in our nation, and is dictating terms to the governments. Are you here to govern the Australians or to be puppets for Uber? Do you care for the every-day aussies who work in best interest of the nation or bend backwards to compromise safety and regulations for this multinational company?

For the last 2 and a half years, the driver supply has been depleted, almost every taxi licence owner has lost more than 40% income. Your Labor government's regulations do not even consider the safety of the drivers and passengers who use ridesharing services. I strongly recommend to create a level playing field for all businesses which operate in Queensland and Australia.

Taxi licences are issued in proportion to the population, yet this rideshare has never been limited in accordance. How are you going to stop and limit their numbers as you have done to taxi licences? Is this fair? This is clearly a double-standard that the government

has set and is not in the best interest of the industry.

Mushrooms only grow in right conditions, but this rideshare is growing like a weed in every street of Queensland and Australia. As a citizen of this nation, I am very disappointed that our government has more regard for a multinational company to weed and pollute our nation.

I hereby request you to consider a level playing field in this industry and to do justice for hard-working taxi drivers like me. This kind of ruins will take a very long time to repair unless it is stopped now. **Repair it today and get re-elected or risk it for the biscuits thrown by these multinationals. Cheap fares sometimes doesn't mean great quality, its great quantity i.e. cheap shit!**

Yours sincerely,  
Suresh Narayanan

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