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Research Director
Public Works and Utilities Committee
Parliament House
George Street
Brisbane Qld 4000;

Good Morning

Please find attached my letter regarding Uber and your new Bill, soon to be introduced.

As a concerned citizen I am deeply distressed with what the Government has already allowed with open "taxi" called ride sharing and what is about to happen with the potential introduction of this new Bill.

I strongly suggest that you examine the Terms and Conditions under which the drivers and or passengers are required to agree to before they can drive or ride with Uber.

They are quite horrendous. And yes they can be taken to court, but that falls into the "unaffordable" basket.

Sincerely

Stan Francis

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8th April, 2017

Research Director
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RE:

Transport and Other Legislation (Personalised Transport Reform) Amendment Bill 2017

Dear Research Director,

I am writing to express my grave concerns about this Bill and the accompanying documents.

I am elderly and increasingly see the day coming when I won't be able to drive.
I don't have a smart phone and my elderly wife has never used a computer. We just want to be able to call a taxi on our house phone now and in the future,

This legislation wants to totally ruin the taxi industry. An industry that has operated under strict Government control for many, many years, and now it will be virtually uncontrolled with the introduction of this new Bill.

I have always found taxis to be great. They are clean and reliable, come promptly when I call them, and know where they are going.

If all these changes make taxis go broke and we can't catch taxis, we will be trapped at home and will find it extremely difficult to be able to get to the shops to buy groceries, or go to our doctor's appointments.

I also am terrified for my grand-daughters as I don't see that cars driven by strangers are safe for young women if they don't have secure cameras, safety standards, and genuine driver checks, exactly the same as taxis currently do.

When I catch taxis, some of the drivers tell me that some of their passengers are "pretty rough characters" and that they are really glad to know that help comes instantly when they press

their special alarms if anything were to happen. All drivers deserve to have the same protection if something were to happen.

I am appalled that our Queensland government gave in to Uber, and allowed them to operate in Queensland, totally illegally for two years – a big overseas company that doesn't pay tax in Australia, by comparison to the taxi licence holders who pay GST and income tax.. The cabbies I talk to pay tax. Make Uber abide by our laws – don't change our laws and give in to a bully – it just makes our politicians look like a pushover.

Lastly, I am horrified to see a Labor government taking away the assets and property rights of people who have worked their whole life to buy a taxi licence. Sold to them by the Government under a very detailed contract. The rebate for only 2 taxi licences, what happens if you have more than 2, is about the same as the stamp duty paid on the purchase and is totally inadequate. I ask all of my friends at my Rotary Club that, if this Bill gets passed, what else will the Government legislate to take away without adequate compensation.

Please throw out this very bad piece of legislation, start again, and fix the mess that this government has created with the taxi industry. It just looks like the train disaster all over again.

Yours faithfully

Stan Francis
A concerned Self-Funded Retiree