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Committee Secretary
Public Works and Utilities Committee
Parliament House
George Street
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Secretary,

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

This submission is to state my concerns that this draft Bill does not pass the public benefit test for reasons already put to you by TCQ and by my husband. The Bill will place the travelling public in harm's way.

My concerns are quite similar to those concerns brought to your attention by TCQ.

The one that stands out in my mind more than others is that, prior to non-taxis doing taxi-type work in Qld, the fleet with which I am affiliated had a 65% ratio of booked work to 35% rank and hail work. This is the direct opposite to the situation that occurred in NSW, yet the Qld Govt blindly barged ahead and copied NSW with its legislation. Rather than take a substantial slice of 35% of our work away, they bullishly took away a substantial slice of 65% our work. That's not fair by any measure. My livelihood depended on working to the government's own rules in a competitive marketplace. The government has taken away my livelihood and my investment, and with it my grandchildren's higher education, in one vicious sweep of the government's legislative pen.

Please remind the Premier of her repeated hollow "jobs jobs jobs" exclamations. And tell her to stand aside and let the taxis get on with what they do best.

The Bill is not supported.

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