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To: [Public Works and Utilities Committee](#)
Subject: PERSONALISED TRANSPORT REFORM AMENDMENT BILL 2017
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Dear Sir Madam,

I write to you today to confirm that as a taxi owner operator for 20 years that I totally support the submission presented by Queensland Taxi Council and the 20 points in their submission that require change to protect the consumer. The current deregulation has created an UN-level playing field for the Taxi operators who paid good money to purchase a Taxi License to give them the right to operate a taxi service on demand. Ride share have been allowed to enter the same market place at no cost to them and National Consumer Protection Laws are being breached.

Consumer right are not being protected which is reason that we had a Regulated Taxi Industry at the initiative of Qld Govt in the first instance. I also consider it double standards when Govt still wants to maintain a Regulated Taxi Industry operating in a deregulated market place. Both my wife and myself are nearing retirement and now because our taxi licenses are not saleable at a reasonable value to recover our superannuation and life savings, we will never retire and will die behind the wheel. Queensland Government has betrayed the Taxi Industry and its people and now should do the right thing and buy back all the Taxi Licenses at fair market value as at 1-4-14 value when ride share was allowed to operate.

We will never forgive and will never forget this betrayal and both the ALP and LNP will pay the price at the next State Election.

Yours faithfully,

Phil Shield.