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To Whom it May Concern,

It has come to my attention that parliament will soon have a bill before it regarding the use of Ridesharing services in Queensland. For context, I am a student who works part-time to help make ends meet whilst I complete my studies. For me, the use of ridesharing services is integral to sticking to my schedule and staying as productive as possible at all times.

Unlike the Taxi service, I can simply push a series of buttons on my phone, and have a GPS tracked, named driver en route to my destination, in addition, I can see where this driver is and what delays I may have to expect. In comparison to the days when I would have to catch a taxi, where either I had to be lucky enough to hail one on the street, or call dispatch only to be given a canned response with no real idea on my Taxi's ETA. Simply put, this service would be better described as a 'Sanitation Service' (i.e. Trash).

In my personal opinion, as a young entrepreneurial minded citizen, the Taxi industry should not be getting any help from the Government whatsoever for being unable to compete against a wholly legal, more efficient and safer service such as Ridesharing. Rather than spending their money on expensive political efforts, making everyone (e.g. Me writing this, and you having to read this and countless other submissions..) waste their time, they could be investing in three simple things: 1. Technology (Radio dispatch are so 1915.) 2. Employee morale and 3. Car cleaning, or at minimum some air fresheners.

I've had many discussions in the past week with my Ridesharing drivers, and all of them have something in common – All of them have started driving on a Ridesharing platform when there was no other form of income available to them or their family. By adding these new legislations with unachievable start up costs, you're going to cannibalise a really good service, which is about the only thing Queensland has going for it right now.

Before you could even consider [REDACTED] up ridesharing you'd need to fix:

\* Public transport, free around the CBD, and more services. Have you travelled to literally any other state before? We are so behind, this is partially the reason we're the joke of the whole country (Being stuck in the past)

\* Do something good, give the people back some hope.

\* Realise that you truly honestly have much bigger problems, this is simply childish.

Let's get real for a second though. Regardless of your political persuasion, surely you agree: The government's job is to serve the people on things that actually matter. When government officials go to sleep at night, they shouldn't be thinking about trivial business matters such as which business is doing better and is it the same one that pays your campaign dollars. You should be considering your children, and grandchildren and the entirety of your legacy because although they might not have money to give you yet, they're going to look back on your choices now whether you like it or not. Give them something to be proud of, maybe look after the planet a little bit? Leave the businesses to worry about business, stop playing silly games and serve the people.

Regards,

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