

PRIVATE SUBMISSION



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RE:

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

Dear Research Director,

I am writing to you on behalf of many patients that I care for every day to let you know of their worries about the huge problems this government has caused the taxi industry of Qld, and how this Bill could destroy the taxi industry. If that happens, my patients won't be able to get to their doctors, the shops or the hospitals around the state.

I work at a large teaching hospital in Brisbane. Working at a tertiary referral hospital, I care for patients who come from across the whole state and who often have no relatives in Brisbane. Many of my patients have severe disabilities.

On a daily basis, I help co-ordinate the transport of patients back to regional Qld. This almost always involves the use of taxis at some point in their journey.

The legislation will totally ruin the taxi industry. This means there won't be taxis to transport vulnerable sick and disabled passengers like my patients, and there's no way that uber will ever care about people like my patients.

Many of my patients don't have a smart phone and can't order an uber anyway

I have always found taxis to be great. They have always been more than willing to accommodate all of the needs of my sick patients and come promptly when they're called

Uber is a foreign corporation that takes money out of Queensland and doesn't pay taxes.

Qld Health needs more money for more nurses and more equipment. Companies such as uber must pay their fair share, and all of the money must stay in Qld – not go overseas

There is nothing in the Bill that guarantees that my patients will have access to transport.

Please save Qld taxis. Please guarantee that Queenslanders and the disabled can get transport anywhere in the state at a reasonable cost. Please don't just give in to uber.

Please rethink how transport will be delivered in a sustainable way for the long term without consumers being gouged (look what has happened with electricity prices after politicians promised us "more choice would give us cheaper prices"), work out how to get there, and urgently redo this very bad piece of legislation so that Queenslanders don't suffer

Yours faithfully

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