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To: Public Works and Utilities Committee

Subject: The Transport and Other Legislation (Personalised Transport Reform) Amendment Bill 2017

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Regarding:

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To Whom It May Concern,

As the mother of teenagers, I am writing to the committee because I think the Amendment Bill and the accompanying documents will be bad for Queensland in terms of safety. My children go out at night in Brisbane and the valley and despite me telling them to only use taxis, they sometimes get into a Uber with their mates. This bothers me because they have told me some scary stories about what has happened.

Since there are seemingly no regulations surrounding these cars, they sometimes pick up kids who have not even booked them at certain places in the Valley and Eagle St. I had thought that at least if you booked one of these Ubers, there were some records which made things slightly safer, but my boys say that unmarked cars will just pull up and say "You want an Uber?" This makes it just like hitch-hiking, but worse because sometimes the young people have been drinking.

These cars and drivers need more regulation to keep young people safe! At the moment, ride share vehicles are not safe for passengers when they are not regulated or stopped from doing bad things. There are apparently no cameras or anything for passenger safety and the drivers could be anyone. Young people use them because they are cheap but they are scary due to lack of monitoring.

If the government was serious about keeping young people safe then, instead of lock out laws, they would make sure that ride share vehicles and drivers were subject to the same safety regulations as taxis. That would keep young people who are out on the town safer!

Regards Roslyn Skerry