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To: Public Works and Utilities Committee

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To Whom It May Concern

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, especially for women.

It is my understanding that under the proposed amendments, ride share vehicles will not be safe for drivers or consumers. In this morning's news there was a case of a woman being attacked by her Uber driver. I would never catch one as there is no way that any bad behaviour can be accurately reported – no cameras or anything for passenger safety. I have heard that they don't even vet their drivers in the same way that taxis do. There is no training and it would seem anyone could become a driver as long as they have a car and a phone.

If the government was serious about stopping violence, particularly against women, they would make sure that ride share vehicles and drivers were subject to the same safety regulations as taxis. If the taxi industry dies out because of the cheaper but less safe options, what will people like me have to do to get safe and reliable personalised transport.

These matters need to be considered as part of the implementation of any changes to the existing Personalised Transport legislation.

I am shocked that the government would even consider taking such backward steps with regard to women's safety.

Regards

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