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

Submissions.

10th April, 2017.

Dear Sir/Madam,

Over the last twelve months, we have corresponded and visited with our local Labor MP Ms. Joan Pease expressing our concerns and the effects the legalisation of ride share without similar regulations and conditions would have on the taxi industry. Unfortunately no consideration was given to the likely social impact on taxi owners, drivers and operators when the decision was made to legalise ride share. The outcome in the short period has been devastating on all levels of our industry, with many people including ourselves having to sell their homes to pay down debt incurred to purchase their Taxi Service Licences.

Our situation is eight (8) years ago we purchased (with a bank loan) two (2) Sunshine Coast TSLs for \$730,000 plus Stamp Duty \$21,000 and with this purchase provided 4 full time and 4 part time jobs. Now, after successfully operating for a total of 31 years in the industry including the 8 years operating on the Sunshine Coast, we are forced with the devastation of our assets (approx 1.5million) and a 70% downturn in our cash flow, all of which meant having to sell our family/retirement home to pay out our bank loans.

Never could we have imagined that the people we elected into government would deliberately turn our industry upside down and gift ride share open access of any town or city in Qld to an international company who continues to fight the ATO through the courts to maintain it's NO Tax, No GST mantra. The Qld Government has collected vast sums of money from the Taxi Industry over the years and the industry today is a product of all previous Governments with operating costs now running at 10 times those of rideshare operators and if this unfair position is not changed then taxi operators will have a struggle to compete and stay viable. Taxi Council Qld has predicted that it will take up to 5 years for taxi operators to recover from this impact if the Government were to impose similar operating costs to all personalised transport participants i.e. A LEVEL OPERATING FIELD.

We trust that you will give serious consideration to all the points raised by the Taxi Council Queensland and give hope us for a brighter future.

Yours faithfully,

Robert and Barbara Juppenlatz,

TSL owners - 2 x Yellow Cabs Brisbane, 2 x Suncoast Cabs.