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To: Public Works and Utilities Committee

Subject: Transport and other legislation (personalised Transport Reform) Amendment Bill 2017 submissions

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To the committee and Secretary,

Since 1983 I have been an owner and operator of a taxi licence and I have been associated with Yellow Cabs.

Taxi owners and operators together with Yellow cabs have serviced the community with reliable transport.

24/7 without any cost to the Qld government and the residents in Queensland. By selling and/or releasing licences for tender the Qld government has actually made money from the industry.

As a group we have subsidised less profitable areas such as Wynnum, Redlands, Inala and Northern suburbs by encouraging local cars with lower radio fees charged by the radio company.

This has been successful and provided a reliable 24/7 service even in the outer suburbs.

As I understand this was partial a requirement by Qld Government as a condition or performance standards.

With ride sharing no such service agreements are in place which could be to the detriment of the general public.

There will always be cherry pickers to pick the good hours.

Taxi drivers need some good days to make up for the slack days.

Currently the bit of cream on goods days is eroded by these cherry pickers.

My submission to you is that I totally support the TCQ submission.

The taxi council has presented a comprehensive and reasonable submission which is supported by the Queensland taxi drivers, operators and radio companies.

I sincerely hope that the TCQ submission will not be ignored as has happened with the Varghese report.

