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To: [Public Works and Utilities Committee](#)
Subject: SUBMISSION TO THE TRANSPORT AND OTHER LEGISLATION (PERSONALISED TRANSPORT REFORM)
AMENDMENT BILL 2017
Date: Monday, 10 April 2017 11:59:58 AM

Dear Sir or Madam,

We thank you for accepting our submission.

We, the undersigned, are the owners of two (2) Limousine Licences, both of which are currently leased to separate Operators and a Taxi Licence which is leased to a very good Operator in Gladstone under the flag of Blue & White Taxis.

Our licences form part of our Superannuation Scheme and provide us with a regular monthly cash flow. The cash flows have been interrupted since the introduction of "Ride Booking Services" legalised by the Government on 5 September 2016. Our income has been reduced due to the loss of business in both the Limousine & Taxi Industry.

The other important issue is that our Licences, all three of them, are virtually impossible to sell on the open market and we have invested over \$400,000 in them. The Government's decision in Stage 1 of the Personalised Transport Legislation stated that Limousine Licences were to be removed in late 2017, which was devastating news to us as we would have lost instantly our Limousine Licence investment of \$150,000. This greatly damaged our Superannuation Scheme and our ability to recoup the amount invested. At the ages of 74 & 68 respectively we will have great difficulty in rebuilding our Super Scheme Funds. Also the legalisation of Ride Booking Services has greatly damaged the value of the Taxi Licence and it is very hard to compete in a market where it is not a Level Playing Field.

We are relieved that in Stage 2 of the Reform Bill it is proposed that Limousine Licences and L Plates are to be retained and no further Licences in the immediate future to be issued.

Our further recommendations are as below:

Recommendation 1 - Increase the Ride Booking Annual Fee

A precedence has been set with the Special Purpose Limousine Licence annual fee of \$2,480.80. This is essentially the same as the proposed Annual Ride Booking Licence, however the new Licences are less than 10% of the Special Purpose Limousine Licence.

Recommendation 2 - Limousines to remain in CTP Class 4 and Ride Booking to have their own class of CTP

Recommendation 3 - Only L Plate vehicles can Act and Look like a Limousine.

If this is not the case then a Limousine Licence is actually only worth \$237.00 per year as it is essentially the same as an Annual Ride Booking Fee.

Regarding our Taxi Licence we firmly endorse the Submission presented by Taxi

Council Queensland.

Sincerely,

BRUCE & GAY BURNHAM (Licencees)

