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Committee Secretary  
Public Works and Utilities Committee  
Parliament House  
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Dear Sir/Madam

My name is John Black and with my late wife, Janet Mary Black, we owned, operated, managed and drove our cabs from May 1972 to 2001 when we leased them. I first began cab driving in 1968 and quickly realized what a sound business it was. Janet and I ensured our cabs were always clean inside and out - weather conditions permitting - and always in an excellent state of mechanical repair.

We had explicit faith and trust in the Transport Department as to the permanency of our Licences (currently 547 and 563) and the operating conditions and regulations relating thereto. I recall that the last ballot Licences were issued for \$410,000 each and naturally assumed that was a government guaranteed figure. The actual market value varied from time to time; supply and demand; we understood that but as it was our sole livelihood we lived with it.

This present state government has shot all this down. And this draft Bill reduces my confidence in this present state government to below rock bottom. Like the majority of Licence holders in Queensland I feel let down extremely badly by the legalization of Uber and its similar operators. Also by the apparent lack of regulations and consequent "enforcement" pertaining to their operations.

The Taxi Council of Queensland has submitted proposals which, with my experience in the Taxi industry, I judge to be equitable AND PROGRESSIVE. Consequently I strongly urge this Committee to consider each and every one of these proposals most carefully - and, hopefully, favourably - especially as they have been drafted by professionals WORKING IN THE TAXI INDUSTRY and consequently have a sound knowledge and experience OF the taxi industry and how it operates at the coal face.

My late wife and I relied on the lease payments to fund our retirement. Even being alone now I find it very difficult to manage day to day let alone week to week and month to month. Should the Good Lord spare me I hope to be 80 this January and with the expected deteriorating standard of health age inevitably brings my situation can only get worse. Whereas I faced old age with financial confidence. The stress brought on by this present state government's actions I can well do without. It has reduced the quality - and will no doubt reduce the anticipated length - of my life.

And I am only one of hundreds, if not thousands, of those dependent on the smooth running of the taxi industry in Queensland. No more, thanks to this state government.

In my earlier years I spent four years in the Australian Army Cadet Corps, entered National Service on 11 January 1957 and remained in the then CMF (now ARes) until 1973. I get no financial benefit whatsoever from this Service. Life is currently hard.

John Black

