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To whom it may concern:

I would like to express my concern at proposed additional fees for Uber drivers.

Before driving for Uber I had been unemployed (exasperated) and actively looking for work for around 2 years. Uber has been a God-send to allow me to get off welfare, start paying off my credit card and work towards financial stability. Additional fees would simply mean it would take me all the longer to get my head above water again financially. After years of my credit card being on its limit, I have rapidly halved my credit card debt and been able to afford professional development networking events, such as the recent "Sustainability in Business" conference here in Brisbane.

I have a bachelor of economics (UQ), 15 years experience in natural resource policy at State Government level and am completing a master's degree in water infrastructure economics. Uber driving has given me some breathing space to complete my post-graduate studies with a view to getting back into my career.

If I wasn't able to drive Uber I would have to go back on Newstart, put my thesis back on hold and jut look for "any job", which is a disaster for my mental health (having had some not very suitable and highly stressful jobs over the years).

Kind regards,

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