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As an owner/operator of a limousine license since 2011, I have been disappointed by the recent events regarding ride share. There was no such thing when we bought our \$80,000 license, and felt, at the time, we had invested our super wisely and, most importantly, safely.

How Uber (nee Google) has managed to disrupt a stable, well regulated industry is without precedent. It's obvious that we now have to repair and improve a beleaguered system as the 'horse has bolted'. Limousine operators are doing their best to work with the government and, it would seem, the government has understood the necessity of this.

As to the recommendations put forward:

Firstly, it is important we increase the ride booking annual fee to maintain fairness. (**Recommendation 1**)

Secondly, Limousines need to remain as a CTP class 4 and ride booking to have their own class of CTP. I haven't heard what happens if an Uber driver has a serious accident involving injury, but I am surprised that insurance companies haven't been more vocal. (**Recommendation 2**).

Thirdly, only limousines can act and look like limousines. If there is no perceived difference between limousines and other public transport vehicles, there is no value, and therefore, all limousine license holders have lost their financial investment; and from an unlikely source; our own government. (**Recommendation 3**).

It's hard to understand from my point of view that no-one saw Uber coming, but come they did, and there needs to be a lot of confidence building in the transport industry to repair the damage.

Kindest regards

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