

RE: Transport and other Legislation (Personalised Transport
reform) Amendment Bill 2017

Dear Committee Secretary

I am writing this letter to voice my concerns regarding the bill the QLD Government is planning to introduce. I am a 50 year old individual. I am an Architect; but due to many difficulties in getting a job in that field (that too at this age), I was about to go on Centrelink payments. But, then I came across Uber, which was a great employment opportunity. Because of Uber, I am NOT unemployed. I am earning money for my survival. I can now pay my rent, bills, etc.

However, when my financial situation is barely manageable, and a few debts to pay off, I am struggling to cope up with everything, but Uber driving has given me a hope to pay off my debts, and live as any Queenslanders would.

If you introduce more additional fees and other processes, it will just mean that my struggle will increase and I will be in a worse situation. Additional costs mean my opportunity to earn money, pay debts off, live my life here in Queensland would suffer heavily.

I also rent car which will mean I can't afford that too. So, I will have no other option but to stop driving for Uber and be a statistics

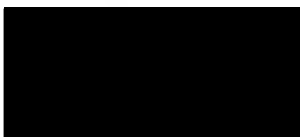
of unemployed in Queensland. I want to contribute to Queensland's progress by staying employed, meeting new people, have flexible working hours, stay fit and healthy.

If I had to stop Uber driving, none of it will be possible as I would be in financial crisis. As it is, all the costs of living are going higher and higher, introducing additional fees and charges, in my opinion, not a good sign.

I as a citizen of Australia and Queensland look up to my government and the chosen MPs / representatives to help me and make my living easier.

The people / riders I drive from A to B feel safe and comfortable with Uber, and my contribution, so, if I stop driving, it would mean the fellow Queenslanders will miss out on it.

So, I sincerely hope that you will consider my situation and truly help myself and my fellow Uber drivers keep Queensland move forward.



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