



**RE: Transport and Other Legislation (Personalised Transport Reform) Amendment Bill 2017**

Dear Committee Secretary, I am taking this opportunity to express my concern on the bill as it will negatively impact Uber Drivers like myself.

In November 2016 I became unemployed and was considering to apply for unemployment benefit and rent support, when I looked into the idea of becoming an UBER driver until I can source a new full time position. Since then I have been driving around 40 hours six days per week. Although the income I receive from ride sharing is by no means a substitute to my previous income, it is allowing me to pay for my rent and some of my bills prolonging the period in which I have to find a new suitable employment. Bearing in mind that from my earnings I have to cover expenses like fuel, maintenance wear and tear, GST and income tax the net income I get out of those 40 Hrs is minimal in order to support my family.

The introduction of this new license together with an increase in CTP has to be paid out of my net income and this will mean that the real earnings in order to pay would be around \$1500. in other words 80 Hrs driving extra just to be able to ride share, on top of the Drivers Authorization costs. I believe that this will stress me even further in a very stressful situation. Please also note that I do not understand why the cost of ride sharing in QLD should be higher to what it is in other States, for example NSW.

This together with the restriction proposed for certain parts of the state I feel they are quite discriminating and unjust proposals and they make me feel insulted as a person living in QLD. Moreover they present functional and operational problems in the ride sharing process. If these measures go ahead I would like to inform you that I intend to give up ride sharing altogether as the cost will not really be affordable for me as soon as I find a new full time job, although I would have liked to continue ride sharing for 4-6 hrs on weekend providing a service to our community, something which I thoroughly enjoy.

I sincerely hope that you will take into consideration my concerns and provide decisions that will benefit QLD Drivers/Riders like myself. "After all something that already works well don't touch it!"

Thank you very much for your time in reading my concerns, Kind Regards, Alexandros Papagiannopoulos

