



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

Dear Committee Secretary, I would like to voice my concerns in regard to the new ridesharing Bill that will negatively impact my experience as an Uber driver.

I came to Australia in August 2011. I had a very hard time because I had no English speaking skills, but I went to TAFE and started to develop some English speaking skills. When my English got better, I got a job in a bakery as a baker and a deliverer. Last year in April, the owner of the bakery was not happy with the business so he sold the bakery, which left me jobless. I had a little bit of savings so I travelled back to my home town to visit family. When I returned to Australia again, I had no job so I went to Centrelink, who asked me to look for work. Finding a job was extremely difficult due to my lack of English, but I soon discovered that Uber is a great place to work to improve my English speaking abilities and earn good money. Since working at Uber, I no longer need to be on Centrelink which is great for the economy and my personal circumstance.

When I first started working at Uber, I found it difficult to get some money to startup, but was able to borrow some money from friends to purchase a car. I have a daughter and wife to support, which I am doing my best to support. Sometimes this requires me to work more than 60 hours a week. So when I heard that the government were wanting to add extra expenses and I was worried that it was going to become more difficult for me to support my family. I already pay 10% of my earnings to GST, which I believe is fair. However, these new proposals are introduced, I feel that I will have to go back on Centrelink.

As Uber has been extremely helpful for me to improve my English skills, work ethic and most importantly to support my family, I hope that you would consider my circumstance when you come to your decision on these regulations. This bill proposal will not only disadvantage me but many of the other Uber drivers I have been in contact with.

I appreciate your time. Kind Regards, Mohammad.

