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Research Director
Transportation and Utilities Committee
Parliament House
Cnr George & Alice Streets
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Sir/Madam

**SUBMISSION TO THE TRANSPORT AND OTHER LEGISLATION (PERSONALISED TRANSPORT
REFORM) AMENDMENT BILL 2017**

My wife and I are the owners of two (2) Taxi Service Licences. They were purchased around 1995 and are, in effect, our Superannuation and the sole source of income to us. Income is derived through leasing them with Yellow Cabs, Brisbane for a monthly fee.

Since the introduction of Uber, our capital value in licences has plummeted from around \$530,000 each to now around \$100,000 each. **Capital value lost is around \$860,000.** I am 58 years of age and **cannot ever** recover the \$860,000 for my retirement.

Income from the licences is now under 30% of what they were prior to Uber cars on the scene.

Prior to Uber, we were self funded and required no assistance from the Government. Now it appears that the Government will have to support us until we die.

You controlled taxis by regulation in the past, sold licences, collected money and were happy to receive Stamp Duty on the purchase of licences.

Now you think that \$20,000 per licence in transitional assistance will solve all problems. In my opinion I call this Government a bunch of thieves for stealing my Superannuation and income by allowing Uber, first to operate illegally and then legalising them.

In addition, I call this Government a bunch of liars. The Government stated, "we are strengthening Safety Standards". How could this be remotely possible when Uber cars **do not** have cameras in them, nor are they GPS tracked? If you allow Uber to operate without cameras, why then do cameras exist in railway stations, council buses, malls, etc? Have you forgotten why cameras were installed in Taxi's?

Next is the **insurance** issue. Taxis pay around \$7,000 for Commercial CTP insurance, yet you allow Uber to operate on **PRIVATE** CTP Class 1 insurance. This is, as you know, completely inadequate when vehicles are used for **Commercial Use** – part time or full time!

These are the two main issues you need to address to ensure a "Level Playing Field".

Up until now you have favoured Uber and condemned taxi licence holders to **hardship and suffering** probably for the rest of their lives.

May I point out that there is **no such thing as "Rideshare"**. Uber are just another taxi company who pick up on taxi ranks and do hail work.

If you do not change this situation in the upcoming regulations, then be prepared to cop the backlash at the next State Election. I will be vigorously voicing my situation to the world on how taxi licence owners have been unfairly treated.

I personally think you may underestimate the "fight" in all Queensland taxi owners, family and friends, together with the Taxi Council Queensland. One Nation Party has support.

Finally, you have already received a summary from the Taxi Council Queensland with a list of requirements for the upcoming Public Departmental briefing.



Malcolm Bond