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The Secretary,

I started driving with Uber to make some extra cash to supplement my income from an annuity. I am 63 years old and enjoy driving, talking to people, and seeing the sights. The ATO decreed that I would register for GST. My first BAS return netted the ATO a windfall of \$49. This prompted an immediate personal phone call to discuss my thriving business. When I mentioned "Uber" the kind, enquiring lady on the other end said "Oh that explains it!" Following BAS returns have seen the ATO receive amounts of \$4, \$0 and \$78. No phone calls.

As you can see, I do this to earn some extra cash to spend on delivered pizzas etc. It is not a full time job. So far I have complied with obtaining ABN number (free), Drivers authority (government charge) and shopping around to ensure my comprehensive insurer would cover me in the event of an accident.

In a previous job, I had the unique opportunity to compete in the 110+ kph carpark jostle between the Gold Coast and Brisbane for over 2 years. No contact with other vehicles. I do not know the average age of Uber drivers in Queensland, but suggest it is in the vicinity of 45 plus years. This would suggest that the average Uber driver has at least 25 years' experience on the road, and is continuing to get better. WHY impose an extra burden on them by increasing CTP and other charges?

Uber regulation in Queensland is only 6 months old. I suggest most drivers are not full time, so don't hit them with full time charges just because some want to work 60 or 70 hours per week to make \$1200 of which they get to keep about 75%. Not a great hourly rate!

Yours faithfully

Alan Orr



PS. True story. I took a middle aged Indian woman who works in the Philippines in child care from Broadbeach to the airport. She was here 2 days only for family reasons. She asked me where all the little stalls were along the road. I replied "We have too many rules and regulations for that to happen"