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Transportation and Utilities Committee

Parliament House

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Brisbane QLD 4000

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Dear Sir/Madam

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

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this submission to the Parliamentary Committee investigating the *Transport and Other Legislation (Personalised Transport Reform) Amendment Bill 2017* and *Transport and Other Legislation (Personalised Transport Reform) Amendment Regulation 2017* tabled in Queensland Parliament on 21 March 2017. This submission examines and comments on elements of the Bill and Regulations that seek to amend the *Transport Operations (Passenger Transport) Act 1994* to implement reforms proposed in *Queensland Personalised Transport Horizon Stage 2*.

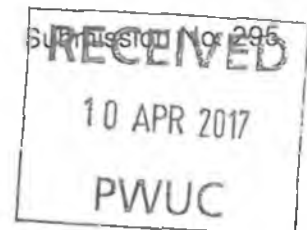
Queensland taxi owners have invested heavily in their business venture, only to see their assets and livelihoods disintegrate. They facing immense losses due to being unable to even sell their businesses.

My involvement with the Taxi Industry started after I immigrated to Australia in 1984. I went to Queensland and I liked it so much that I decided to stay. I applied for jobs but was not successful. I then saw an advertisement for taxi driving and got my authority to drive. I started to earn a living transporting people around Brisbane and its suburbs. I was like any other new arrival, they drove a taxi to earn some money. A fellow driver was buying his own Taxi Service Licence (TSL), so I did a business plan and managed to get finance to buy my own TSL.

I had bought myself a job and I worked many hours and sometimes had up to 4 drivers driving my Taxi. I did not have regular working hours. I would sometimes work 7 days a week and up to 16 hours a day to pay my bills and pay off the loan on the TSL.

As Australians, we welcome healthy market competition provided that the goal posts of fair play and established business criteria apply to all players.

I bought into an existing system and worked for many years and followed all the rules and regulations. I have now really retired, only working about 12 days a year. I have recently been trying to sell my Taxi Service Licence but there is no real interest, meaning I have suffered a huge financial loss. I have worked hard for many years to have a reasonable retirement but this has been taken away from me.



I am sad that this has happened to me after 33 years of work.

I refer to the attached Taxi Council Queensland summary requesting amendments to the legislation. I agree that these amendments are necessary to provide reliable, safe and accountable transport for users of personalised transport. Please refer to the attached summary.

Yours faithfully

