

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

Dear Committee Secretary, I'm writing to voice my concern the Bill and how it will negatively impact rideshare drivers like myself

I have been going through a nasty divorce over the past 2 years, and have to drive uber to make ends meet. I drive full time, sometimes 7 days a week. I wake up at 3.30am every day and drive an average of 12 hours a day, and still find that I battle to earn enough income. But on the positive side, without uber I would probably have to go onto centrelink which is rather degrading.

As soon as employers find out my age, they make up some reason why they can't offer me the job. Basically if there are extra fees added, my options become severely limited

I am in permanent distress with a load of payments to service. My main concern is that introducing these (in my opinion) unnecessary fees to something that has a great benefit for drivers and riders, will not only put pressure on myself, but reduce me to nothing close to a beggar on the streets. If that does happen then I'll have to pitch my tent outside my local MP's house.

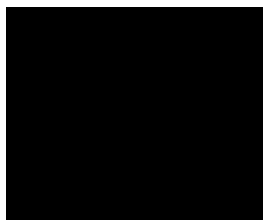
I drive an average of 60 hours per week, and adding extra payments onto me is just unfair. I'm 60, don't have any super, don't have a cushy government job which earns them too much money for the work they do. I now have to pay GST as well as the proposed fees.

I would seriously consider leaving this country, because as soon as a business (small or larger) earns any profits you take whatever you want. I've tried various businesses here in Australia, and had more government rules and regulations blocking me than helping me. I've created jobs, but you are not interested, you don't care about someone who has initiative, so therefore creating a nation of "What's in it for me" attitude.

So now on top of what I have experienced with so called free enterprise. This is a nanny and money grabbing state and country.

I hope you see sense with your proposals. But perhaps not because you are sitting in your mansion with a fat superannuation, destroying my life.

Used to be a proud Australian citizen



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