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Dear Sir

Honestly, I don't know how the Labour & LNP parties can sleep at night when it has been a never-ending night mare and the pain and devastation never goes away. I am 72years old I have work as an owner driver for 40 years work my guts out, now I was looking forwards for my comfortable-retirement has been taken away from me by losing the value of my licences and the Qld. Governments \$20,000.00 certainly doesn't help. The way they have treated the TAXI INDUSTRY by letting Share Ride Companies run at first illegally for 2years or so then let them proceed to take the regulated taxis on with unregulated ride share with no regulations, no same playing field & no taxes at all in doing so with the hurt of not only income but with no conviction towards the Taxi Industry (owners, drivers, lessees & managers of taxis) who are in such a turmoil of why our Qld. Government did what they did, I am dumfounded that we haven't been told the reason nothing what so ever not even an open discussion with all concern in the Taxi Industry with the Taxi Council, Taxi Companies, Owner Drivers & Long term drivers when the share ride come to light.

I feel for the people who going through hell in the wake of this SUBMISSION hoping that the right out come with the LIST OF REQUIREMENTS put forward by the QUEENSLAND TAXI COUNCIL can be the light at the of the tunnel so please help me GOD.

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List of Requirements

1. Establish an independent Personalised Transport Commission with legislative amendment, policing/enforcement, regulatory and policy development capacity.
2. Bailment Agreements must be retained, with the minimum work conditions and standards for all personalised transport drivers enshrined in legislation.
3. Security Camera requirements must establish a minimum standard, be consistent and uniform across all personalised transport providers to ensure the safety of all drivers and passengers (regardless of the service chosen) and to meet Queensland Police requirements.
4. Commercial-grade, anti-tamper GPS units must be fixed to all personalised transport vehicles and be remotely accessible to authorised parties.
5. All personalised transport vehicles to have emergency systems in place to support driver safety.
6. The Bill and Regulation must be fully consistent with all other relevant legislation including, but not limited to, disability discrimination and work, health and safety.
7. All personalised transport vehicles be required to have dedicated number plates (akin to "T" plates), rather than easily removable stickers. Plates to be provided only when evidence of appropriate CTP, public liability and certificate of inspection are provided.
8. Immediately define, and establish appropriate and equitable premiums for, the class/classes of Compulsory Third Party insurance for all personalised transport providers to address continued uncertainty.
9. All personalised transport providers must hold public liability insurance to prevent the State Government becoming the default insurer and to minimise potential risks to the community.
10. In the absence of vehicle age restrictions, establish clear vehicle quality and usage rate standards and hold operators accountable.
11. Increase licence fees for Booked Hire Service Drivers and Authorised Entities to help fund expected increases in regulatory and enforcement costs for Government and to better reflect the level of "trust" being placed on licence holders.
12. All drivers must have an ABN and be registered for GST before receiving a Drivers Authorisation.
13. The Government must establish a process for managing the risks of multiple affiliations by drivers in terms of both "chain of responsibility" and fatigue management. This includes drivers operating across both personalised transport and other transport (i.e. truck, bus) sectors.
14. Fully integrate taxis into the GoCard public transport network in the short-term.
15. Clearly define what constitutes a "hail" and "touting".
16. Expressly prohibit the establishment and operation of Booked Hire Service pick up/and drop off zones, on public and private land, which represent pseudo taxi ranks.
17. Establish and maintain a register of drivers that have been disaffiliated or removed from platforms to prevent drivers from simply shifting to a new platform.
18. Establish clear and enforceable requirements for Government access to all data related to the delivery of personalised transport services in Queensland.
19. Expressly identify Police Check requirements in the Bill for all personalised transport drivers as part of Driver Authorization approval.
20. Maintain the capacity of the Minister to enter into Service Contracts at their discretion to ensure the Government has the capacity to respond quickly, and at the lowest cost, to changing or unique circumstances without the need for regulatory or legislative changes.