

The Public Works and Utilities Committee  
Parliament House  
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I am writing to express my concern with the proposed legislative changes in regard to the Personalised Transport Reforms. While the reforms are very complex I would like to make some general comments. It is apparent that the proposed amendments significantly reduce the safety requirements currently in place to protect the public when hiring taxi and related services.

It is my understanding that, currently, taxis are required to undertake six monthly mechanical checks. They are also required to install cameras for the safety of both passengers and drivers. These would appear to be minimal conditions for such widely used passenger transport services. The taxi industry has been developed over many years and these obligations, plus other safety precautions, were introduced for very sound reasons to protect both passengers and drivers. The public have a presumption that they will be safe when hiring such services and governments have a legitimate role in ensuring this safety. The proposed legislative changes should not be diluting safety aspects and should be applying these requirements to all vehicles that provide passenger services.

In regard to insurance it is unclear whether all vehicles are required to have adequate third party insurance. The Government must insure that the public is protected in this regard. It is hoped that the CTP paid by ride booking services is comparable or equal to that currently paid by taxis. It is not clear why there should be a difference in the insurance classification.

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