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Regarding:

The Transport and Other Legislation (Personalised Transport Reform) Amendment Bill 2017

Dear Research Director,

I am writing to the committee because I think the Bill and the accompanying documents will be bad for Queensland and my personal circumstances are just one example of why this is. My wife and I are elderly. My wife suffers from a range of medical conditions which reduce her mobility and necessitate frequent trips to healthcare providers. Taxi service is essential for us to be able to live with some degree of independence and dignity. At 87, my driving days are nearly over. Already there are times when I cannot drive. It is our understanding that this so called ride share service requires a smart phone and the use of a credit card. We do not own a smart phone and have very limited computer access. In addition, we do not use credit cards.

Taxi drivers have been telling us that they are no longer able to make a living driving and that they are seeking other employment. Without a reliable taxi service, we would find life very difficult. We use taxis at unpredictable times of the day, sometimes as emergency transport. Without the current level of service that taxis provide, we would need to call an ambulance and waste a valuable resource.

I feel confident to send my wife off alone in a taxi, due to the safety devices installed such as cameras and driver vetting. The drivers have been trained in customer support and always assist us when necessary.

We are concerned that this new legislation will impact very negatively on taxis and then on our lifestyle, meaning we cannot get affordable transport when we need it. This legislation will deny us independent transport when we need it. Please consider our circumstances, as we are not alone in this use of existing regulated taxi services. Please ensure that we are protected from the negative consequences this new legislation seems set to have on our lives.

Yours sincerely

