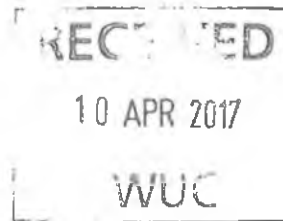


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Transport and Other Legislation (Personalised Transport Reform) Amendment Bill 2017

I wish to submit my thoughts on the proposed Bill which I believe does not take into account the needs of all Queenslanders.

I am presently on Maternity Leave from my work as a School Teacher. I don't use a lot of taxis but when I do I am concerned that aspects of safety in this Bill are being overlooked. I have no personal involvement with the Taxi industry but do sympathise with them and see that they are being treated unfairly.

What you refer to as Personalised Transport services are really just Taxis because I book them & along comes a car with a driver who takes me to wherever I want for a fare. The differences in what they do are not chalk & cheese except for safety equipment, proper levels of insurance, and the ability to cater for the needs of our population especially the Young, Old & Disabled. Every Queenslanders should be entitled to the same level of safety as well as the driver having a safe work environment.

What should be a simple easily enforceable legislation is full of holes. The proposed bill to put it bluntly seems to have taken the form of a 'dog's breakfast' & as such it points to bad legislation that in turn must become bad law.

I understand that uncontrolled numbers of these taxis has led to many of the best drivers having to seek other employment because they now are unable to make a basic income & provide for essential benefits such as sick leave, superannuation & holidays. This is unfair & unjust. Where does the Bill address this or indeed seek to better control numbers so drivers have a chance to generate an acceptable living wage?

It really should be simple. Ample experience & advice can be learned from an industry that has more than stood the test of time & has been progressive with numerous innovative changes. Changes that certainly have resulted in better standards. I believe you should listen to those with practical knowledge.

Sincerely
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