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Research Director

Transport and Utilities Committee

Parliament House

George Street

BRISBANE QLD 4000

06 April 2017

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: SUBMISSION TO THE TRANSPORT AND OTHER LEGISLATION (PERSONALISED TRANSPORT REFORM) Amendment bill 2017

My wife and I would like to take this opportunity to convey our thanks for being allowed to present our personal story of how the "Ride Share" situation in Queensland has affected our lives.

We own a Brisbane Taxi Service Licence which we purchased twenty four years ago. At that time we borrowed \$170,000 to buy this licence and until November last year still owed \$58,000 to the bank. Our reason for buying this licence was based on sound advice that The Queensland Taxi Industry was well regulated, they sold the licences and that this industry would not be deregulated. This investment was purely and simply to be our Superannuation for retirement and for us to be independent.

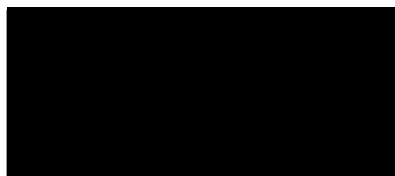
At the time Ride Share commenced in Queensland our investment was worth in the region of \$530,000 and our income was in the region of \$2,800 per calendar month from the lease of this licence. Now we understand that licences are worth approximately \$100,000 and our income is now down to \$800 per calendar month. Therefore we have placed ourselves at the mercy of Centrelink.

You will note that we have now moved from Gailles Queensland to Tasmania. I do feel, as a consequence of the stress involved with this whole situation, our health has suffered dramatically. My age is sixty eight years and I have quite recently had surgery for an aggressive form of cancer. I have been quite healthy up until September 2016 when this was diagnosed. We have had no confirmation that the cancer has gone. My wife is totally stressed over the whole situation.

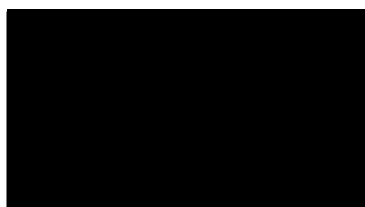
For us to be able to pay out our debt to the bank we reluctantly sold our home of thirty four years, settled the debt and moved on.

Please find attached a copy of the TAXI COUNCIL QUEENSLAND WIP DRAFT. As we are in agreement with the contents of this draft, we will not comment further, other than to request that the present Government will do the right and fair thing and buy back the licences at a similar price to their value in 2014

Yours faithfully



Robert W Brant



Jann Brant

