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Subject: 170323- STAKEHOLDERS - TAXI INDUSTRY

AT MY AGE- 80 NEXT YEAR- I DO NOT FEEL THAT THERE ARE MANY EMPLOYMENT POSITIONS AVAILABLE TO A PERSON OF MY AGE - AS I WAS RELYING ON THE SECURITY THAT A GOVERNMENT ISSUED LICENCE TO EARN A LIVING IN THE FUTURE AS OPPOSED TO PUTING MY HAND OUT FOR A GOVT. PENSION.

WE HAVE ONE MOTOR VEHICLE,OWNED THROUGH A BANK LOAN.

OUR INCOME BEFORE THE GOVT APPROVED UBER TO OPERATE WAS \$2650 A MONTH- NOW IT IS 70% LOWER AT \$800 PER MONTH , AND WE STILL NEED TO PAY OFF THE LOAN ON OUR MOTOR VEHICLE.

IN ADDITION WE ARE SUPPORTING OUR THREE CHILDREN WITH THEIR CHILDRENS EDUCATION EXPENSES WHICH OUR CURRENT INCOME CANNOT SUPPORT

WE WANT THE SOLID TAXI INDUSTRY BROUGHT BACK TO WHERE IT WAS BEFORE UBER AND OTHERS WERE ALLOWED TO FLOUNT QLD TAXI LAWS AND TAX TO BE PAID BY UBER AND THEIR DRIVERS

AT THE MOMENT THERE IS NO VALUE LEFT IN TAXI LICENCES AS NO ONE IS BUYING THEM EVEN THOUGH THE QLD GOVT SOLD OFF BY TENDER, LICENCES TO FILL THE TILLS OF QLD TREASURY - DO YOU CALL THAT FAIR?

SO BESIDES A 70% DROP IN INCOME, WE HAVE SUFFERED A LOSS OF ONE MILLION DOLLARS CAPITAL AS OUR 2 LICENCES ARE UNSALEABLE.

PLEASE CONSIDER THESE THINGS IN YOUR DETERMINATION ON THE FUTURE OF OUR TAXI INDUSTRY AND REJUVENATE AN EFFICIENT INDUSTRY WHICH WAS NOT BROKEN

PLEASE HELP US TO RECOVER BY ACTIONING THE POINTS PUT FORWARD BY THE TAXI COUNCIL OF QUEENSLAND

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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.