



Hon Jackie Trad MP

Deputy Premier

Minister for Transport, Minister for Infrastructure,
Local Government and Planning and Minister for Trade

Our ref: PET 13890

Your ref: 10.4 Petitions

23 APR 2015

Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
Parliament House
George Street
Brisbane Qld 4000

Dear Mr Laurie

Neil,

I refer to a petition number 2334-14 lodged with the Legislative Assembly on 26 March 2015 about illegal ridesharing operators.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) has a number of checks and balances in place to ensure that drivers, operators and vehicles involved in the provision of public passenger services meet the required standards in the interests of public safety.

Operators that do not currently meet the existing standards or requirements for this service have been instructed to cease and desist operations until these standards are met. TMR, as the administering authority of passenger transport legislation, takes compliance of passenger transport rules and regulations very seriously and has conducted operations targeting enforcement specifically for the non-compliance of passenger transport legislation. It is actively issuing infringement notices for those offences.

There has been significant progress in enforcement activities in February and March 2015 resulting in more fines issued in these two months than total fines issued between August 2014 and January 2015.

The Queensland Government is looking at ways to better enforce the existing laws that legislate against illegal operations involving passenger transport services while ensuring that competition is fair across the industry.

Yours sincerely

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