



# Hon Jackie Trad MP

Deputy Premier

Minister for Transport, Minister for Infrastructure,

Local Government and Planning and Minister for Trade

Our ref: PET 15373

Your ref: 10.4 Petitions

15 OCT 2015

Mr Neil Laurie  
The Clerk of the Parliament  
Parliament House  
George Street  
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Mr Laurie

*Neil,*

I refer to petition numbers 2456-15 and 2457-15 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Robert Katter MP, Member for Mount Isa, on 16 September 2015 about alternative taxi services in Queensland.

As you may be aware, I recently announced that the Queensland Government has appointed Mr Jim Varghese AM to head up an independent taskforce to review taxi, limousine and rideshare services across Queensland.

The comprehensive review will consider the existing regulatory framework by examining community and industry needs and expectations, public safety and disability access and affordability and competition.

This will be a consultative process where community and industry across the state will have regular opportunities to have their say and views considered to help inform the taskforce.

Additionally, you may be aware that the Transport Legislation (Taxi Services) Amendment Bill 2015, is currently being examined by a parliamentary committee who will report back to parliament in March 2016.

For more information about the review, the taskforce and to read the Terms of Reference, please visit the Department of Transport and Main Roads' website at [www.tmr.qld.gov.au](http://www.tmr.qld.gov.au) then click 1) 'Business and Industry' 2) 'Taxi and Limousine' and then 3) 'Industry Review'.

Alternatively, you can contact the taskforce directly by email at [info.optsreview@qld.gov.au](mailto:info.optsreview@qld.gov.au) (preferred method of contact), on 1800 639 884, or write to the taskforce at OPTS Taskforce, GPO Box 50, Brisbane QLD 4001.

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I can assure you that the Queensland Government is committed to ensuring Queenslanders have access to safe, reliable and affordable personalised transport services and want a sustainable and competitive industry that delivers these services.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely



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