



Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety and Ports and
Minister for Energy, Biofuels and Water Supply

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Our ref: PET 22209

Your ref: 10.4 Petitions

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

Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition number 2741-17 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Steve Dickson MP, Member for Buderim on 14 June 2017 about the personalised transport reforms.

I appreciate that recent developments in the personalised transport industry have generated uncertainty and instability for those involved.

On 24 May 2017, the Queensland Parliament passed the *Transport and Other Legislation (Personalised Transport Reform) Amendment Act 2017*, to support Stage 2 of Queensland's Personalised Transport Horizon – Five Year Strategic Plan for Personalised Transport Services 2016–2021. The reforms delivered through the Act were developed in consultation with the personalised transport industry, including representatives from the taxi, limousine and ride-share industry, and will create a more level playing field for all.

These legislative changes will provide certainty to the industry, reinforce taxi licence values and allow them to appreciate in value into the future. Existing taxi service licences have retained their perpetual status and still provide the opportunity for revenue generation. Additionally, no further perpetual taxi licences are planned to be released by the government in the future.

Further to this, the government appreciates the industry is going through a period of transition and for this reason has committed to a \$100 million Industry Adjustment Assistance Package (IAAP) to help taxi and limousine licence holders and operators adjust to the new environment.

As part of the IAAP, the Queensland Government is currently rolling out a \$26.7 million Industry Hardship Fund, specifically designed to support licence holders and operators experiencing financial hardship. However, the Queensland Government is not currently considering a licence buy back scheme for taxi and limousine licences.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Mark Bailey".

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