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## **Submission on proposed Point to Point Transport Regulation**

Dear Sir/Madam,

As a Hire Car operator owner driver I wish to make a submission as invited to the proposed regulation. The main point that I would like to make the submission to is the retention of the Hire Car HC plates as an identity to the Hire Car business.

I started straight into the HC business when I was 18 and now 52 so I have seen a few changes in this time and this is by far the most that affects the business. The HC business has always been the upmarket alternative to taxis and now is to Uber or ride sharing or whatever anyone likes to call it. We have always had a separate identity and that being the HC number plate.

Queensland has recently finalised their point to point policy and they have retained the L plate forever so I see no reason why NSW cannot do the same. We are a separate industry and although providing the same service as taxis and Uber abeit by forward bookings only, there is no reason why we cannot all co exist but with each service's separate identity. Our customers do not want taxis or Uber and pay the increased rate to get a personalised service which includes the most direct route and quickest way which involves the use of bus lanes, and we do not mind paying for the privilege but not at the exorbitant past fee of \$8000, anything up to a maximum of \$500 per annum is acceptable.

The existing arrangement is working well so as the saying goes "if it ain't broke don't fix it". All three services can come under the umbrella of the Point to Point Commissioner but we retain our separate identities. If one looks at bus lane operations, anyone can see that it is the buses that cause the most congestion not taxis or hire cars.

Thankyou for your time and I look forward to a healthy hire car industry.

**Paul Crollick** 

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