

**INQUIRY INTO OPERATION OF THE POINT TO POINT  
TRANSPORT (TAXIS AND HIRE VEHICLES) ACT 2016**

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Since 2018, when uber etc became legal it has become simpler and more likely for standards to slip in the taxi industry.

This results from the changes brought in to "even the playing field" between traditional taxis and share riding services. Standards in some ways have indeed slipped.

If all obligations applying to taxis also applied to Uber etc things would be even worse. This is because Uber drivers are obligation free as far as they are concerned. Whereas taxi drivers understand there is a social obligation applying to us.

If all obligations were removed things would be thoroughly untenable.

We in the taxi industry accept our obligations. However keeping our drivers under the current conditions is growing more and more difficult. At some point the drivers will disappear, getting a driver at 3am in Tweed Heads will become impossible.

I submit that the NSW Government should in some way put the genie back in the bottle, doing away with share ride services and return the Taxi industry to it's state of being as of 2010.