



# MEDIA STATEMENT

We at **rb lawyers** note with interest today the decision of the Queensland State Government announcing sweeping reforms to personalised transport in Queensland. Given the events of the last two (2) years, the announcement does not come as a surprise.

**rb Lawyers'** commitment to the Taxi Industry remains un-waivered. As part of that commitment, we will analyse the legislation once it is available and provide our commentary about it.

**rb lawyers** will also investigate to the full extent the compensation package that will be made available, to ensure that operators & licence holders can claim the maximum from it

It is unfortunate that the Taxi Industry (possibly together with the Hotel Industry) presents as the first guinea pig in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century of the so called "*Disruptive Technology*". The doing away of Regulation of such industries potentially sets a dangerous precedent. For example:-

- a. **Uber Lawyer** – a conveyancer who operators a "*law practice*" without the requirement for regulation by the Law Society or the education and training;
- b. **Uber Dentist** – a former dental nurse who operates a "*dental practice*" without the necessary skills and training of a dentist;
- c. **Uber Real Estate Agent** – a person who sets up a webpage selling property online who has no licence or insurance of the fidelity fund;
- d. **Uber Hotel** – the bloke who brews his own beer in his garage and sells it without a licence or quality control.

and the list goes on...

*Robert Bakker*