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Your ref: 10.4 Petitions

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Dear Mr Laurie *Neil,*

I refer to a petition number 2506-15 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by the Honourable Stirling Hinchliffe MP, Member for Sandgate on 10 November 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 interested to know 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. Alternatively, you can contact the taskforce directly by email at info.optreview@qld.gov.au, on 1800 639 884, or write to the taskforce at OPTS Taskforce, GPO Box 50, Brisbane QLD 4001.

I can assure you that this 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.

Yours sincerely

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