

PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA Economy and Infrastructure Committee

MEDIA RELEASE

Do you have an opinion about Uber?

Joshua Morris MP, Chair of the Economy and Infrastructure Committee, has renewed calls for public submissions on ride sourcing services such as Uber. The Committee is considering whether ride sourcing services should be regulated and what form that regulation should take.

"Ride sourcing and Uber have changed the way many Victorians travel and we want to hear from the community about what the Parliament needs to do to regulate this growing local industry," Mr Morris said.

Uber has made a submission to the inquiry, which will be considered when the Committee commences public hearings later this year. It is also important that the Committee considers a range of views from the community before finalising the inquiry.

"This is an opportunity for Victorians to have their say about the future of ride sourcing," Mr Morris said.

"We are engaging with the community through social media to try and reach as many people as possible."

"If community members want their views to be considered before Parliament looks at any new laws on ride sourcing, then they should write to the Committee."

"There has been a lot of media coverage about ride sourcing and we are responding to the significant community interest in this issue by asking the community to help us shape the way Parliament responds."

Among the issues being considered by the Committee are barriers to entry, consumer protection, customer safety, competition, access for people with disabilities, as well as remuneration and workplace rights for drivers.

The Committee is also examining how to minimise any impact regulation might have on the taxi industry.

Submissions close in two weeks on Monday 8 August 2016. Details about the inquiry and making a submission are available from the <u>Committee's website</u>.

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