



**Letter to the Editor – The Daily Telegraph
2 October 2014**

Dear Editor,

I refer to the article “NSW Government Considers Ditching Car Fleet and Using Uber and GoGet to Save \$7 million” (Daily Telegraph, October 2).

When the NSW Parliament passed the Passenger Transport Bill last month, it upheld the State Government’s commitment to a regulated taxi industry in the public interest and its current position of enforcing the law against illegal ridesharing operators.

With ridesharing there are no security cameras, no duress alarms, a lack of proper insurance and no ongoing checks of drivers and vehicles. Passengers (in this case public servants) could be getting into cars with potentially serious criminal elements of society who are able to get around the lack of controls for ridesharing services.

The NSW Taxi Council clearly acknowledges the right of the NSW Government to reduce costs. In many respects this is welcome as it will hopefully remove waste and inefficiencies. However it is important that the Government does so using legitimate means and if ridesharing is genuinely being considered as the article infers, then not only is this illegal, it raises serious questions about the process being considered in this regard.

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