

## Submission by Aero Park Meter Taxi Association

1, Meter taxis vs E-hailing (apps-operators), Rich-uber and its partners vs the poor meter taxis and Legal vs illegal in terms of NLTA. First and foremost the department of transport being the regulator of all modes of transport in South Africa failed to regulate and enforce law to the illegal Uber and taxify operators. So much so they were given a space to violate and destroy the meter taxi industry with their low uncompetitive prices/fares determined by their e-hailing application service providers. On our side the government was pretty smart involved in setting up the fares as a way of regulating and controlling the industry. The last it was R15,50 during the worldcup and later dropped to R10.50 up to R12.50 ever since .

2, Further more the meter taxis are only allowed to park at certain places demarcated by the municipality as holding ranks and starting points in and outside the cities within the province, the app operators do as they wish by parking every where they feel comfortable in as much as they do when picking clients.

3, The Rich-uber and taxify foreign based companies allowed every Tom, Dick and Jerry who can afford to buy new cars to flood the industry with non-permit cars some belonging to public servants (proof attached) so to make more profit by taking a higher percentage increased from 20% to 25% with no fare increase from the poor drivers who work long hours without rest to make a living.

4, It was also stated in the outcome of the meeting held on the 27 July 2017 that the public servants and their partners, their spouse, and their immediate family members must have no direct financial or business interests in any sector of the public transport industry.

5, By so saying the minister was addressing the meter taxi operators fully aware of his colleagues (government officials) wrong doings. Till today the authorities are forever engaging with all parties involved excluding the public servants who captured our industry illegally so using their financial power and prioritizing undocumented foreign national drivers over their own local brothers and sisters.

6, So it's our own government (ANC) that we voted for in tears and pain they call it a healthy competition, innovation and technology in a way. The poor meter taxis to suffer more and more losing our vehicles to the repossessioners due non-payments, which also impacted very bad in our families lives. We are no longer able to support our children and entire families as bread winners.

7, Ever since we raised concerns to the government authorities at higher level about the parallel unregulated illegal operations and unfair competition there is no positive response except threats that they will close the ranks. (MEC). So that they can be able to create a slot to amend the bill so to legalize the illegal and the rich app owners to keep on outweighing the poor pushing them out of business as happening now.

8, It is hard for us poor meter taxis to see the government looking down at us on the other hand preaching the gospel of BEE. Who deserve to be empowered? when, where and how? yet the rich

are enjoying the malpractice of unfair competition to the poor as well as exploitation of drivers by their partners.