



City of **HOBART**

**Memorandum:** Deputy Lord Mayor  
Elected Members

## **Response to Question Without Notice**

### **UBER DRIVERS**

**Meeting:** Finance and Governance Committee    **Meeting date:** 18 February 2020

**Raised by:** Alderman Behrakis

**Question:**

Does the Lord Mayor believe in the low wage economy where Uber drivers average \$5.00 per hour?

**Response:**

No, I don't "believe in the low wage economy". I use taxis and Uber services and when I chat to drivers of both services, they express both satisfaction and dissatisfaction with the nature of their business. While Uber has a lower per kilometre flag fall, it offers some drivers more flexibility and a lower cost of entry into the driving business.

*As signatory to this report, I certify that, pursuant to Section 55(1) of the Local Government Act 1993, I hold no interest, as referred to in Section 49 of the Local Government Act 1993, in matters contained in this report.*

Councillor A M Reynolds  
**LORD MAYOR**

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