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To Whom It May Concern:

We welcome the opportunity to contribute to the discussion paper *2023 Review of Queensland's Compulsory Third Party (CTP) insurance scheme*.

Rideshare Driver Network (RDN) is a not-for-profit association of drivers, working together to create a real alternative to exploitation. RDN are experienced, professional drivers committed to achieving job security and better pay and working conditions for all drivers. You can find more information on RDN here: <https://rdn.org.au/>

It is clear in Queensland that we have a very good CTP scheme that appropriately balances rights for injured motorists with ensuring the scheme remains fair and affordable for all road users.

RDN welcomes that this review has made clear that it will not consider any changes to aspects of the scheme that are working well, in particular, the compensation benefits for injured people.

For RDN members and other gig economy driver workers in Queensland, the State's CTP scheme provides vital insurance coverage and assistance in the event a driver is injured while on the road.

This support is crucial as gig workers in Queensland have few other rights, protections or compensation options available to them. Workers' compensation has not yet been extended to gig economy workers, despite the Queensland Government promising at the last election to do exactly that – a promise that disappointingly has not yet been actioned.

It is for this reason that RDN in making this submission supports Scenario 1 as set out in the Discussion paper, that being to maintain the status quo in ensuring no change to the current Queensland CTP scheme.



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While not specific to this Discussion paper, RDN would also like to take this opportunity to again call on the Queensland Government to urgently act on its election commitment to extend workers' compensation rights to gig economy workers – a measure that is long overdue and that we believe is essential in ensuring proper protection for gig economy workers, in addition to maintaining a strong CTP scheme.

Should you wish to discuss this submission further please do not hesitate to contact us at +61 458 790 490.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Shane Millsom'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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