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Hi

My initial comment is to say that toll charges are prohibitive at the rate they currently stand.

It seems to me that govt priorities are skewed to revenue raising rather than community well being. These toll roads were put in place to reduce congestion but with the exception of the Gateway bridge there is evidence to show that the majority of road users do not see value in using them.

I travel around and through Brisbane from Redcliffe as a retiree. I still use the ICB and Milton Rd rather than taking the toll roads, etc when travelling to relatives in Corinda, I don't use Airport tunnel but rather go through the city when travelling to relatives in West End even with the state of Kingsford Smith drive presently. I refuse to use the "Newman Bridge" after seeing more than a 100% increase in the tariff. I see many motorists making the same decisions and few opting for the toll alternatives.

All this infrastructure, sold to the constituency as congestion busters, don't seem to be worth the original investment in tax payer dollars as they seem only to be considered profit makers for the operators or revenue raisers for government coffers.

Has anybody done the analysis on the efficacy of the "reduced" toll figures imposed as each road was opened to encourage usage, against the now significantly reduced traffic levels generated by higher toll values? I dare say the revenues from each are comparable. If this hypothesis is largely true, making tolls affordable should not be a disincentive to government and, I dare say, would not place any increased burden on the operators as all their additional work to recoup unpaid fees passes on all the "admin" costs at a premium .

Regards

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