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Good Morning,

There are two points that I would like to make about toll roads as follows:

1. Amount of Toll – I believe that the cost of the toll is too high. I live at Jindalee and before I retired I worked at Eagle Farm. My ideal route to work is the Centenary Freeway, Legacy Way, ICB and then onto Kingsford Smith Drive. However when I did the calculations the extra cost of Legacy Way was prohibitive. While the daily toll seems to be low, when you multiply it out for the year then the total cost is prohibitive. We just did not have that amount spare cash in our budget. For example based on the current toll the cost of a one way trip is \$2.56. However the cost for a year based on a 5 day week and 48 week year is $\$2.56 \times 2 \times 5 \times 48 = \1228.80 . I simply do not have that amount of spare money in my budget.
2. Optimisation of Road System – toll roads are part of a larger road system which has to be considered as a whole rather than in isolation. If the toll roads are under-utilised then increasing the utilisation of the toll roads will take traffic away from older congested roads. There are two things here. The cost impact of congestion should be factored into the analysis. Firstly, for example the cost impact of congestion includes the cost of pollution and the cost of increased energy usage plus the cost of extra wear and tear on older non toll roads. Taking traffic away from these older roads might reduce the cost of maintenance and energy usage. Secondly reducing the tolls might improve utilisation of the toll roads and overall achieve a better balance of utilization of all roads and have the effect of speeding up traffic. It might be in the Governments interest to part subsidise the tolls to achieve a better utilisation

I trust that the above points are useful.

Kind Regards
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