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Committee Secretary
Transport & Public Works Committee
Parliament House
George Street
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Dear Secretary,

I wish to make my submission to the Committee above for changes to the Tolls being burdened onto the motorist in Queensland.

The toll industry in Queensland has grown out of hand to be an inconsiderate burden to the average people of Queensland. So much so, the tolls and tunnel usage is inextricably linked. It goes without saying that the management of the toll companies have their shareholders at heart and must maximise profits for the shareholders bottom line. However this method of reaping millions of Dollars just to make the bottom line of the Toll Companies look better at the expense of the Toll Paying Motorist is wrong and they have been doing this for far too long.

A fairer system must be used in collection of tolls and calculation of those tolls. One, which is fair for the Motorist that willing to use the tunnels to avoid the surface congestion and for the Toll Companies.

I suggest that the Toll Companies reward the motorist that is a high volume user in a very similar way that TransLink rewarded their high volume users. If a vehicle uses the tolls more than 10 times a week a reward system of pay no more tolls. This will aid in the congestion of the surface roads, as is the want of Government, therefore limiting the spend on further very expensive infrastructure to combat congestion.

The Toll Companies should be forced by Legislation or Regulation to provide this "Discounting" into their toll structure. The Surface

congestion is only going to get worse and the taxpayers are going to be forced into the needless spend of more Billions of Dollars to provide that infrastructure just to be let out to more Toll Companies, and the cycle continues.

Surely if 1,000,000 vehicles being charged \$5 (Total \$5,000,000) is not as good as 3,000,000 vehicles being charges \$3 (Total \$9,000,000).

You don't have to be a great mathematician to realise that we would all, including the Motorist, the Toll Company Shareholders be better off and the Government be better off for not having to duplicate the Tunnel Infrastructure as the Surface Road motorists will also be better off.

Kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gary L. Walter', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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