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Road tolls unjustly place burden of paying for vital infrastructure into a small demographic and geographic area and impact heavily on elderly.

Logan motorway toll was supposed to end after 30 years . Toll commenced in 1988 but the Bligh Government deviously added another 33 years to the toll duration by bundling this motorway with others to be privatized . The impacts of residents such as myself are enormous. I live at Forestdale and am a self funded retiree receiving no government pension or concession card. I purchased land at Forestdale in 1988 under the understanding that in 30 years time by the time I retired the toll would end and the road revert to normal status. For 30 years I have paid for the toll and the road has been paid for several times over yet I now have to spend my retirement years also paying increased tolls to use this road. Our local Logan Hospital was built next to the toll road so the only practical way in an emergency medical situation is to use the toll road as dozens of traffic lights have been erected to force more users into the toll road. If the toll period was to be extended existing long time retired residents who have already paid for the cost of building this road several times over should get a toll exemption or at least a Seniors discount. The toll encourages trucks and more traffic into our local roads and causes council extra costs to repair local roads and causes congestion trying to get to my local shops because most traffic is trying to avoid the toll. There also is injustice to trade workers in places like Ipswich who work on Gold Coast as they pay Aprox \$11 to travel the length of the tollway one way making a total of \$110 a week if they travel to and from work 5 days a week. They then still need to pay petrol reggo insurance maintenance and all other running costs. Tolls are grossly unfair as some geographic areas receive their vital infrastructure out of consolidated revenue and others have to pay exhorbident tolls just to be able to get to work. There should be discounts to users in seriously affected suburbs and also users who must make multiple trips a day/ week for work or school purposes. Seniors also should not have to pay full tolls. Finally there needs to be some sort of guarantee that future governments will not endlessly extend the toll period as they approach expiry date. Now privatized these toll firms such as Transurban will be under commercial pressure to extend their concession end date and corruption and financial pressure will be placed on future politicians to extend the toll expiry date.

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