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Why is it that current toll road companies are allowed to increase their tolls annually? Surely when they present their submission for a toll road, they have to justify their calculations based on a set toll and predicted road usage numbers. Why are they then allowed to double dip by annually increasing the toll? The increases don't even resemble inflation. Why should commuters subsidise the incompetent/deliberately misleading calculations of toll road companies? There was a toll on the old Hornibrook Highway between Brighton and Redcliffe for over 50 years. It was not changed once, except to convert to decimal currency. Hornibrook did not go into liquidation.

On most toll road around Brisbane, the tolls are initially set too high to encourage regular usage by commuters. They are also based on fictitious usage numbers which are proven to be so within the first few months as commuters refuse to be ripped off. As alternatives to congestion on free arterial roads, they are doomed to failure and usually fail financially within 12 months. Toll roads, if we are going to have them, have to be seen as long term projects with a life span of at least 40 years. Tolls need to be set lower to encourage regular usage. Only then will projected traffic estimates eventuate and over time allow a profit to be made. Stop expecting toll roads to recoup outlays within the first few years and then increasing tolls further in order to.

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