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Hello

I applaud the fact that this exercise is being carried out. My submission relates to (b) within your terms of reference that relates to pricing and incentive options.

The current toll roads in Brisbane with the exception of the Gateway Motorway in my opinion are underutilised and are not easing congestion on surface roads to the extent that was intended. (I cannot really comment on the Logan Motorway however I expect it is well utilised). The Gateway is different in that it is a section of the M1 and there are no real practical alternatives within close physical proximity.

Overall the tunnels could be better utilised if not for the steep fees. I suggest that better incentive arrangements be implemented whereby regular usage attracts discounts and consideration should also be given to a levy on a broader range of motorists on the basis that vehicles utilising surface roads are also gaining from the resultant less congestion due to increased tunnel usage.

The Airport Link - Clem Jones combination provides quick North Side – South Side connection however utilising this twice a day, five days a week (to and from work) can easily cost on the vicinity of \$120.00 per week minimum which is too much for average wage earners with commitments. The alternative is to travel through the excessively congested City and Valley areas. There could be another tier of discounting when tunnel combinations are regularly used such as this.

I realise that it will not be straight forward to develop and implement the ideas I have proposed, however the current single use set fees on a per journey basis could be improved to provide better outcomes.

I ask that you consider my submission and would be happy to be contacted on this if you so desire

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