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Subject: Submission Inquiry into the operations of Toll Roads in Queensland
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to: Committee Secretary
Transport and Public Works Committee
Parliament House
George Street
Brisbane Qld 4000

Re: Logan Motorway Toll

Dear Secretary,

I am writing you in regards to the request for submission s in the Inquiry into the operations of Toll Roads in Queensland.

I have concerns about the costs of using the Logan Motorway, and the significant effect that the cost of the toll has on the traffic in Johnson Road.

The first point that I would like to raise is the differential cost of using different sections of the Logan Motorway.

The first toll at is located at Heathwood, costing \$2.84 each way. The toll portion of the motorway Runs from the Centenary highway until Mt Lindsay Hwy (~7.5 km), costing an average \$0.38 / km.

The second section of the motorway subject to toll is from Station Road to Drews Road (~6 km) costing \$1.72 each way, or an average \$0.29/km.

There is no justification on the reason why it would cost more to drive on west end of the Logan Motorway than on the east end, affecting disproportionately people living on the western suburbs, and adding substantially to commuting costs.

A commuter using this Motorway on a daily basis will spend over \$45 per week, enough to fill up the tank of a small car.

As an observation, I consider all sections west of the Centenary Hwy, and in between Mt Lindsey Hwy and Station Rd to be toll free since there is no requirement for the user to pay toll if driving between the mentioned points.

This issue of significant discrepancy in toll charges between the east and west ends of the Logan Motorway result in drivers deliberately choosing to drive on Johnson Rd (which runs parallel to the Logan Motorway between Ellen Grove and the Mt Lindsey Hwy).

This results in significant inconvenience and health issues for locals of Forest Lake, Forestdale, Parkinson and Hillcrest, due to transit increase, congestion, noise and air pollution and the need to constantly repair Johnson Rd, at a significant cost to tax and rate payers.

I am not against paying toll, but there is need to implement a solution that results in a better value proposition to drivers considering also the impacts that people avoiding the use of this toll road have on the general community.

I would suggest that the committee consider:

- The reduction on the costs (toll fees) for people using this toll road on daily basis, especially reducing the cost of the West toll
 - The reduction on the registration costs based on the amount contributed to toll roads, or an off-set system
- or a mix of both alternatives.

Wishing you success on this endeavour, and hoping to see the best outcome to the people of Queensland.

Sincerely,

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