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Subject: Submission on Toll Roads

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Hi,

I think the public deserve an explanation as to why we, as a state, choose to use outsource important infrastructure projects to private companies. Then allow these private companies to seemingly set arbitrary pricings to use what should be a publicly owned asset.

I think the public deserves transparency of Tolls with respect to income generated. This would give transparency to the public if the government has made a wise choice outsourcing the constructions of these vital projects. Or if the tax payer would have been better off if the government had constructions and mealy collected enough to cover the cost of construction. I fear that outsourcing vital city links has become the lazy way politicians can make their books look good while delivering new infrastructure to the city, however in reality all it really achieves is moving about the city become ever more expensive.

Introduction of a time dependent trip. Tolling companies on their ads and billboards advertise a time saving product essentially. You pay a premium to use their service, however there is no reduction in pricing when there is congestion on their services. I propose if a is supposed to take "X" amount of time, and due to congestion on the service it adds 50% onto that time, then there should be a reduction on the amount paid.

Lastly, if the Tolls roads are to be encouraged to be used, then pricing has not been reflected correctly. Outside of peak hour, traveling from the north side of Brisbane to the south side through the Airport link and Clem7 costs around \$10 and saves roughly 3 minutes off the commute. Putting into a business perspective, in order justify the \$10 for 3 minutes you need effectively need an hourly rate of more than \$200 an hour.

Thanks, Nic Bressan