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I have just read, with some considerable interest, excerpts from your report, particularly the suggestion that motorists should pay to use roads.

You have fallen into the error that "government" owns all those items paid for by taxpayers. In fact, I suggest that we, the public, actually own these assets.

We paid for them from taxes, which you correctly stated, and in some cases from excise, GST on excise, etc..

We still pay for roads through taxes, both direct and indirect, GST, Excise, GST on excise, and various other ways that government uses to raise money.

Had the members of parliament used their own money to build the roads, I would accept your position that we pay to use them, but while we have paid for the roads in the first place, I find it objectionable that someone living in a capital city proposes that those of us who live in country areas, and have to travel around 500km to visit our grandkids, should pay to use the roads.

We already pay more for fuel, food and clothing because of transport costs, so paying to use roads is abhorrent.

By suggesting that the motorist pay to use roads they paid for as taxpayers, seems to be double charging

Have a great day,

John Lawrence

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