

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE NO. 2 – HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

## MEDIA RELEASE

## Public hearings for Upper House inquiry into road tolling

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The parliamentary committee inquiring into tolling regimes for roads in New South Wales will hold two public hearings in Sydney on **Tuesday 11 April** and **Wednesday 12 April 2017**.

The committee will hear from a wide range of stakeholders at these hearings, including NSW Government representatives, toll road operator Transurban, consumer representatives as well as independent experts, local councils and academics.

The chair of the committee, the Hon Greg Donnelly MLC, said: "Road tolling has become a major feature of the road network in Sydney. These hearings will seek to bring into the public domain details and information about road tolling in this state that up until this point has been shrouded in secrecy. If you think about it, it is quite extraordinary that so little is known and understood about road tolling arrangements in New South Wales, given the size of their cost impost on so many families and members of the community."

The hearing on 11 April and the morning session on 12 April will take place at **Parliament House**, **Macquarie Street**, **Sydney**. The committee will hold the afternoon session on 12 April at the **Library Theatrette**, **Penrith City Library**, where it will hear from local councils and community groups. All hearings are open to the public and those conducted at Parliament House are also webcast live via the Parliament's <u>website</u>.

The schedules for each public hearing, along with other information about the inquiry, including the terms of reference and submissions, will be available on the committee's <u>website</u>.

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For further information please contact Committee Chair, the Hon Greg Donnelly MLC, on 9230 2280.