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PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE NO. 2 – HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

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ROAD TOLLING INQUIRY REPORT TABLED

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An Upper House committee has today tabled its report into road tolling in New South Wales.

The Chair of the committee, the Hon Greg Donnelly MLC, stated, “Road tolls are imposing a significant cost burden on many individuals, families, businesses and communities in this state. It is therefore entirely appropriate that citizens are seeking greater assurances that road tolling projects represent value for money both for themselves and the state and are in the public interest.”

Mr Donnelly continued, “The speed at which the number of tolled roads has expanded across the Sydney in recent years is significant but what is more surprising, and some may argue alarming, is the lack of genuine public debate and transparency around this important area of public policy.”

The report makes 10 recommendations, the majority of which are directed towards enhancing the transparency of tolling arrangements and increasing the body of information, both quantitative and qualitative, currently in the public domain on existing and future toll roads.

The committee also recommends that before any future concession agreements are determined, that an independent entity publish an informed statement on whether tolling arrangements are in the public interest. This is an important step to providing additional assurance and scrutiny over the ever increasing number of toll roads in Sydney.

For further information about the inquiry, including the final report, submissions and hearing transcripts, please visit the committee’s [website](#).

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