

Ms Abigail Boyd MLC
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Portfolio Committee No. 6 -Transport and Customer Service
Parliament of NSW

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Re: Inquiry into road tolling regime

Dear Ms Boyd,

Thank you for your correspondence of 17 February 2022, relating to the additional term of reference.

Transport for NSW (TfNSW) is unable to forecast the total cost that may be paid by drivers in tolls for the WestConnex toll road over the life of its contract, and across New South Wales to 2060. This is due to any forecasting TfNSW undertakes in relation to toll roads is based on a range of dynamic assumptions and variables including patronage, vehicle mix, CPI which will be influenced by population growth, economic activity, land use development, technology change and public transport alternatives over the next 38 years.

Modelling by TfNSW in relation to WestConnex project was undertaken as part of the business case process that was presented to Cabinet for consideration.

TfNSW are currently working as part of the Treasury led review into the city's tolling regime. As announced by Treasury, the toll regime review is looking at a variety of different options to improve the consistency and fairness of pricing while minimising congestion. This work includes reviewing options around toll relief and toll harmonisation more generally.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Parliamentary Services Team within Transport for NSW via email, PQ@transport.nsw.gov.au.

I hope the information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

Rob Sharp
Secretary
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