



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE NO. 6 – TRANSPORT

MEDIA RELEASE

COMMITTEE TO HEAR FROM RESIDENTS, BUSINESSES AND COUNCILS ON THE M5 TOLLING REGIME

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As part of its inquiry into the State's road tolling regimes, Portfolio Committee No. 6 – Transport will hold its sixth public hearing this week to hear from residents, local businesses and councils affected by tolling arrangements for the M5 motorway. In a departure from previous hearings, the committee is taking the opportunity to engage directly with residents and business owners where they live and work, with the hearing to be held in southern Sydney.

Ms Abigail Boyd MLC, Chair of the Committee said, 'Through the committee's previous hearings, we have heard a lot of evidence from government agencies, the tolling operator, industry groups and member-based organisations. What is missing from this evidence thus far are the unmediated voices of members of the community directly impacted by the decisions and contractual arrangements the government has effectively locked us into – in some cases for decades to come.'

Ms Boyd continued, 'This hearing is an opportunity to hear first-hand from those directly impacted by the M5 tolling regime through their lived experiences'.

The hearing will be held on **Friday 1 April 2022** at the Southern Sydney Events Centre at 2 Crofts Avenue, Hurstville. It will commence at **10.15 am** and will be live streamed on the NSW Parliament's website. To tune in to the webcast, go to: <https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/Pages/webcasts.aspx>.

The hearing will be open to members of the community, subject to capacity limits and COVID-safety measures.

For further information about the inquiry, including the committee membership, terms of reference, submissions and hearing schedule (once finalised), please visit the committee's website: <https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/committees/inquiries/Pages/inquiry-details.aspx?pk=2792>

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