



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE NO. 6 – TRANSPORT

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ROAD TOLLING INQUIRY GATHERS PACE WITH PUBLIC HEARING ON THE M5 TOLLING REGIME

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Following the postponement of its last public hearing due to a last minute sitting of the House, Portfolio Committee No. 6 – Transport has today announced that it will press ahead with its sixth hearing as part of its ongoing inquiry into the State's road tolling regimes. Now scheduled for Tuesday 24 May 2022, the hearing will be an opportunity for residents, local business operators and councils affected by tolling arrangements for the M5 motorway to add their voices to the evidence gathered for this very timely inquiry.

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 Bexley, the focal point of some of the traffic issues the committee is keen to understand.

Ms Abigail Boyd MLC, Chair of the Committee said, 'Postponing this hearing back in April was disappointing, but could not have been avoided. We are keen to ensure that residents and business owners directly impacted by the M5 tolling arrangements can share their experiences with the committee.'

Ms Boyd continued, 'This hearing will be an opportunity to shine a spotlight on the consequences for local communities of decisions taken at the highest levels of government for road infrastructure delivery'.

The hearing will be held on **Tuesday 24 May 2022** at the Bexley Manor Hall at 480 Forest Road, Bexley. 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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