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THE TRANSPORT NEEDS OF SYDNEY'S NORTH-WEST SECTOR

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I am concerned that residents of the Hills District, particularly commuters, are being financially penalised, largely as a result of the current NSW State Government's inability to appropriately meet its responsibilities. In particular, I draw your attention to the following:

- The State Government has failed to provide adequate public transport infrastructure, despite ongoing land releases. Residents are therefore reliant on private bus services.
- There has been no move by the State Government to ensure equity in prices exists between commuters of the same mode of transport, regardless of the provider.
- Hills District residents pay more in tolls to reach the city than residents of other areas equidistant from the city. It appears that an ongoing inability to manage its budget has resulted in ongoing public-private partnerships for major infrastructure. Following the opening of the Lane Cove Tunnel, it costs approximately \$10 in tolls just to reach the city, compared to the much cheaper M4 and M5 (on which the government provides a toll rebate, reducing the cost of each journey to 20 cents).