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THE TRANSPORT NEEDS OF SYDNEY'S NORTH-WEST SECTOR

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Cash Back on the M4 freeway is unfair.

I understand that the residents of the western suburbs were granted CashBack because the transport options available to them were limited and when the M4 opened they needed some subsidising should they use the tollway.

I submit that the transport options available to residents of the western suburbs is first class compared to those of The Hills area. The western suburbs residents DO have a competent rail service as well as a toll-free motorway. We at Castle Hill have neither. We are still waiting for a train and we have three tolls to pay each way - the M2, the Lane Cove Tunnel as well as The Bridge. We do have a satisfactory bus service to the city CBD, but it only services the City and Macquarie Park. We have an appalling service to other points like Parramatta or Epping.

Let me illustrate why the transport options available to western suburbs residents is all but first class. Take Blacktown for example. In the morning peak they have 12 train services between 7am and 8am. At noon they have 6 train services. Further out at Penrith they have 10 and 4 train services respectively. HARDLY deserving of subsidisation to use a tollway

At the next State Budget I suggest that the CashBack be terminated and the savings put aside to get a train system to Castle Hill.