

Submission
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THE TRANSPORT NEEDS OF SYDNEY'S NORTH-WEST SECTOR

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to request a review of the overall toll cashback system. My particular concern is relating to the discrimination current in place with regards to the M2 motorway and Lane Cove Tunnel (LCT) travellers.

Travellers of the M4 and M5 are provided a significant subsidy resulting in a total charge of only \$300 per annum where as the M2 / LCT is not. This is close to a \$4,000/year impact for travellers and their families. This discrimination is one which I cannot understand.

Given the additional delay of alternative rail infrastructure to the North West, I feel it is only reasonable to expect consideration for an equivalent subsidy for travellers of the M2 / LCT.

I believe a reasonable recommendation is to provide an equivalent subsidy for M2 / LCT travellers until the rail infrastructure is in place. I believe this should also be extended to North Sydney to encourage growth in this precinct. I work in Crows Nest and busses are simply not an option if I am to maintain a reasonable travel time.

A concern for government would naturally be the increase in traffic this may cause. I would argue that negotiation with the operators of the M2 and LCT should occur to ensure they receive a reduced fee for any incremental traffic this generates.