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INQUIRY INTO ROAD TOLLING

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I wonder sometimes where the excise we pay on fuel goes. I think that it may have been Nick Griner or even Bob Carr who placed the 3 x 3 tax on petrol. Three cents per litre for three years to fix the problems with the NSW roads. That was some twenty five odd years ago. It's still there though. Since then toll roads have appeared all over Sydney. The western suburbs have more than our fair share. How much is it? \$4.80 each way I believe. If my wife and I both have to take our cars to work that's nearly \$100 per week. Five grand a year. Gee whizz! We only want to drive on it not own it outright. I suppose it's not all bad news. I mean we're approaching rertirement age and the State Government doesn't have to pay for the pension so the five grand a year that we don't save now will be picked up by Canberra. Lucky too our kids are grown up and so there's no Child support to pay for on top of the 5K.Give us a break and stop with this special Western Suburbs Tax