

INQUIRY INTO ROAD TOLLING

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To the Committee of Inquiry on Road Tolls in NSW I would like to submit a serious objection on the proposed M4 toll in Sydney's west. This toll is not justified for this road. It is a main arterial road to Western Sydney. This toll will add over \$2000 of extra burden to families in this region. A region that we already know is poorer than any other in the Sydney basin. All roads are the responsibility of a tier of Government. It is a basic infrastructure for any government to build and maintain roads. For too long governments have delegated infrastructure costs back onto the consumer. In fact, it needs to come out of public revenue like it has always been done in the past. If you don't do this is, in real terms, the government is double dipping the tax system. The process was once very simple- Working families pay tax, State governments are passed on revenue from the Commonwealth and it is then spent on infrastructure and provision of services. By applying tolls, you are double dipping with tax and shedding a government responsibility of providing and allocating appropriate funds to your mandated role. In reality, the government is triple dipping into the tax system-gaining revenue from the Federal government, from tolls and also from the registration of cars This is whilst you are concurrently imposing further financial strain onto families of Western Sydney where wages are stagnating but living costs are not. This is unethical, greedy and seen by me as unjust. It is, for this reason, I would like to express my objection to the M4 toll and any other road toll in NSW. The government constantly warns families to live within their needs- I guess the State government needs to do the same.