

INQUIRY INTO ROAD TOLLING

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As a person who has used the M4 for the past 40 years, I have seen it go from a relatively busy roadway to a hopelessly congested one. The area it serves has grown substantially and with more on-ramps adding even more traffic (one more is being constructed at present) the congestion has become ridiculously severe. I try to avoid it, but there are times that is not possible. Recent road works have exacerbated the congestion but I cannot see the potential for much improvement for the morning around Parramatta and in the afternoon from Parramatta to past the on-ramp from the M7. To place a toll for the short section added is unreasonable and unless there is a substantial improvement more people will attempt to bypass the tolled sections leading to more congestion on the nearby roads. The cost of tolls getting to and from the city has made working in the CBD totally uneconomical.