

## **INQUIRY INTO ROAD TOLLING**

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I am a resident of North West Sydney. I live in Baulkham Hills and work in Blacktown. Thankfully, I do not have to travel on toll roads on a daily basis - however, I do find myself using the M4, M2 and M7 on a regular basis for both work and personal travel. The M4 serves as a significant artery for those of us living in Western Sydney wishing to access the CBD and other suburbs in Southern Sydney. I, like many others, have put up with years of congestion and disruptive roadworks on the M4.

Placing a toll on the M4 would serve only to disadvantage those of us living in the west. We already have a very high cost of living. Property prices are rising significantly, as are the costs of utilities such as electricity, which has a flow on effect to the cost of all other goods we purchase.

Eliminating or substantially reducing the toll on the M4 is a small measure which will help ease cost of living for those of us in the west.

Another related matter is the new James Ruse Drive exit on the M4 heading westbound. I can not understand why you would put an exit on the right side of a motorway. This is only going to encourage people to travel all the way from Parramatta Road in the right lane, increasing congestion and negatively impacting the flow of the motorway. I know it is too late now to change it, but it seems like a very poor decision which goes against the generally accepted practices of good motorway design.

Regards,  
Anthony Eden.