

INQUIRY INTO ROAD TOLLING

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Road Tolling is a good way to recover some of the cost of constructing and operating roads.

Road Tolls which vary at different times of the day, provide a good mechanism to encourage people to choose other modes of transport, or delay travel hence reducing peak demand and congestion on roads.

When considering the construction of new roads, alternate modes of transport and their affect on congestion needs to be taken into account. Suggesting Road congestion could possibly be addressed through construction of new roads such as Westconnex including M4 & M5 widening and the M4-M5 link etc. is disingenous.

Good public transport is an economic and social necessity. Reducing travel times and improving the amenity of journeys to work contributes to increased productivity and provides access to a larger workforce.

Good Public Transport is also a health & environmental necessity in large cities.

I support the use of Tolls to help recover the cost of operating existing roads and as an effective way to reduce congestion, but we also need to improve the efficiency of transport through the provision of better Public Transport.

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