

INQUIRY INTO ROAD TOLLING REGIMES

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I wish to raise the issue of NSW Toll Roads

I am the owner of a heavy vehicle transport company based in Sydney that operates in and around Sydney metropolitan roads

I have contracts in place that are not due to expire for five years and have been running for more than five years now so well before the northconex tunnel was built

As this toll road was not built I did not allow such exorbitant fees in my contract negotiations so it is now expected that I absorb these fees

I am not talking about a few dollars we are talking close to \$100 return trip per truck that's not including other Toll roads like into M2, M4, M5, M7 etc just the northconex tunnel is over \$100 per truck per return trip

With the amount of Newcastle to Sydney trips and the amount of trucks I run that equates to over \$200,000 per annum just to run through the northconex tunnel

for my small business I think that's scandalous you've only got a look at Transurban's profit loss statement to see they are the only winners out of this deal done between the New South Wales government and Transurban

I think the politicians that brokered this deal did not take into consideration the rank and file of NSW voting public

I think politicians that signed off on this deal between New South Wales government Transurban adopted the attitude it doesn't concern me as I don't pay tolls as my government issue company car has a government issue toll tag hence have never had to pay a toll personally in their life

what makes this even more scandalous is the fact we are banned from using main arterial roads that were always called public roads

I'm referring to heavy vehicles stopped from using pennant Hills Road and soon to be I believe the Pacific Highway

heavy vehicle registration fees are extremely high if you ask someone inside the government why it cost so much to register a heavy vehicle in New South Wales they will tell you it's because heavy vehicles do more damage to the roads you have to pay for the privilege

that argument goes out the window when you start banning us from using public roads as we have not seen a reduction in our registration fees since the banning of heavy vehicles on a main public Roads like pennant Hills Road

private vehicles if I clock up X amount of tolls you get free registration I think the fact that my company pays 200,000 per year in tolls I believe my truck should get free registration

there will unfortunately be small businesses that will go to the wall because we can't absorb these excessive tolls it has literally taken a profitable business and made it trade in-solvently just due to toll charges

it is absolutely scandalous and again I repeat Transurban are making record profits thanks to the extremely lucrative deals they have signed with the New South Wales government and unfortunately it's to the public's demise