

INQUIRY INTO ROAD TOLLING REGIMES

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To whom it may concern,

Since the introduction of the M8 toll road and the imposition of tolls on the M5 after the King George's road exit I sincerely believe access to the CBD and surrounding suburbs has been impacted to those living in south west and western Sydney.

To be able to use the m5 tunnel as we usually would have, it now costs an extra approximately \$7.50 each way that's around \$15 per trip for a road that used to be untolled.

This has impacted my family directly as well as many other families in south west and western Sydney.

My husband has to use an alternate route to get to his place of work to avoid tolls. He now gets off at king George's road and goes through back streets ultimately arriving at his workplace in alexandria. My sister who is a Nurse at RPA hospital has also had to do the same. As shift workers, after their nightshifts they just want to get home but are forced to travel the long winding backroads through suburbs or pay the toll.

Having been along these routes myself I consider them more dangerous, many side streets and roundabouts through suburbs which look like they once had a lot less traffic are now busy main roads in residential suburbs and I'm sure this puts strain on the families living in those suburbs too.

Even a weekend trip to stroll around IkEa or darling harbour has become something we now have to pay a toll for that we didn't before.

The M5 cash back scheme makes the city accessible for south west and western Sydney. The new toll does not.

I understand rolling the M8 but it is very unfair to make a toll on a section of road which was previously untolled.

I am urging you to review this and help make the city accessible to us again and relieve the pressure on the surrounding roads which people are now using to avoid the toll.