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INQUIRY INTO ROAD TOLLING REGIMES

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I'm a professional driver / limousine operator in Sydney. The cost of using toll roads along with Pickup fee at the airport is outrageous. I'm certain it's highest in the world. For example Sydney airport to CBD distance is about 12 kms. The tolls \$8.21 + \$8.65 pickup fee at the airport which means it's costing over \$1.20 per km. The increase in tolls which is every 3 months and 4 times a year makes no sense. The cost of running business is getting out of control and tolls are a big factor in it. My tolls bill per vehicle used to be between 200-250 a week about 6/7 years ago which is now gone double to 400-450 a week. The increase across all the toll ways is at the start of every quarter and there seems to be no end to it. How can anyone justify increase 4 times a year every year? It will eventually push us out of business.