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INQUIRY INTO ROAD TOLLING REGIMES

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To whom it may concern,

I have lived in the Macarthur area for 30 years and have worked at Port Botany all my life. I use the M5 toll every day to travel to and from work. The M5 toll yes I get a cash back and only pay the GST but still need to fork out \$4.88 per trip per day (total = \$9.76 a day) times 5 days a week on average (\$48.80 per week) which works out to be \$195.20 a month which = \$2342.40 per year. So when you take away the GST I technically only pay \$234.24 a year but still need initially outlay the \$2342.40 first before the rebate.

Now for the new toll in the M5 tunnel. I have been using the M5 tunnel since it opened back in 2001 free of charge and now they want to charge people to use it! For me to now go to and from work the cost for this M5 Tunnel is \$7.23 per trip per day (\$14.46 per day) times 5 days a week (\$72.30 a week) which works out to be \$289.20 per month which = \$3470.40 per year with no cash back.

So all up combining both tolls that I have to pay it comes to a total of \$5812.80 and my out of pocket expenses is \$3704.64 which I need to outlay just in tolls to go to and from work to earn money to live and support my family.

A lot of people cant afford to buy in the city and that's why we buy out here in the west and put up with the extra traveling time and wear and tear on our vehicles etc etc. Now we are getting slugged with all this extra costs which I believe is a rip off to the public and myself.

Even this so called toll relief with free rego is a Joke. It works out that you need to spend \$1352 or more per year and you may be able to get free rego, Please!! You still need to fork out \$1000 per year to only save \$300 based on an average sized car.

The only other way for me to get to and from work to avoid the new toll and save having to pay the extra money is to get off at King Georges Rd and back on at Marsh street which in turn puts another 15 minutes or more onto my trip each way through the traffic along with all the other drivers avoiding the new toll.

These tolls are also increasing in price every 3 months, this is discriminating against everyone that lives out West of the City that has to use this road. We need to take a stand and put a stop to these TOLLS!