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## **INQUIRY INTO ROAD TOLLING REGIMES**

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As a person with a limited fixed income, a recipient of DSP, the ever increasing number of tolls between my home and my specialist drs appointments, in the inner city, makes it almost impossible to attend.

To get to my Drs I have to use the M5. I ride a motorcycle and even with this, I'm faced with over \$30 in tolls for a round trip. It was a very rude shock when I discovered, following the opening of the M8, an additional toll on the M5. No notice, no ex-libation, just another "a thank you very much" and more money gone

To contemplate going into the city for recreation or a cultural event is totally out of the question.

To do this trip via public transport is a non-event. It takes over 2 hours each way as I am beholden to a minimal private bus route that takes an hour to travel what takes 10 mins in a private vehicle.

The NSW State Government's addiction to tolls, and Public/private partnership deals with toll way builders is a disgrace. We pay through the nose for fuel and for existing tolls, only for the Government to sell off its state as soon as it's able, ie the extension to the M4 etc, just to have a surplus. Selling off the family assets to increase the bank account isn't a viable long term way to stay ahead.