

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO ROAD TOLLING REGIMES

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I travel a return trip from my home in Padstow to the Eastern Suburbs for work Monday to Friday & as sometimes required to work on the weekend.

Prior to the opening of the M8 I was driving on the M5 and receiving the Cashback on the toll for the stretch of the M5 between Beverley Hills and Padstow/Revesby. Then the M8 opened & the government made the 20+ year old M5 East a toll road.

I'm now charged a toll of approx. \$8.00, which increases twice a year, each time I drive on the M5 East or M8. The cost of the toll doubled each week, making the usage a weekly cost of \$200.

I count myself fortunate to continue to receive the Cashback scheme for tolls on the M5 South West because it really helps, but when I use all other toll roads, the cost is exorbitant and with so many toll roads linked together, they can easily amass.

Tolls are ever increasing, yet incomes for the average Sydney resident have remained stagnant, which is prohibiting drivers using toll roads and causing yet again significant congestion on the local roads the toll roads were built to resolve. That's not value added for Sydneysider.