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INQUIRY INTO ROAD TOLLING REGIMES

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The road tolling regimes in Sydney disproportionately and adversely affect low income communities across our city and stifle economic growth and the potential of the individuals living in these communities to access work, travel around our city for leisure and access essential healthcare or childcare services. The Government's decision to impose a toll on the existing M5 East has put enormous pressure on families living in south west Sydney, while the only benefits provided are a new motorway they aren't using - theoretically the benefits of the tolling scheme are to reduce congestion on the existing road as a result of the new M8 having been built - however these benefits are only seen during peak traffic periods, and when travelling off peak the traffic congestion on the existing M5 east is near identical to what it was prior to the M8 opening however people are paying a toll regardless of the fact they aren't receiving any benefits in relation to travel time. The NSW government should release end of concession plans for the future management of the Sydney Harbour Tunnel as part of their proposals to pay for the new Western Harbour Tunnel and potential plans to impose a toll southbound on the Eastern Distributor