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INQUIRY INTO ROAD TOLLING REGIMES

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I'm a young adult who just bought their first brand new car with my partner. Everyone's aware buying a new car is expensive, but what is often forgotten about is the extra money one has to pay just to use the roads in Sydney! I purposefully avoid all tolls because they are border line extortion. I work near Bankstown and could take the brand new M8 tunnel straight there, however I simply cannot afford the to and from costs five days a week.

Ironically, when I'm in a work vehicle and toll costs don't come out of my pocket there's hardly anybody using this road! No wonder, due to the insane cost of travelling on it. The entire point of constructing the WestConnex system was to decrease congestion on other arterial roads, yet you've made the toll cost so high normal Sydney siders simply cannot afford to use it and hence don't use it.

Incentives on registration costs are not enough to keep people happy and financially stable. Toll roads should be paid for out of the money already collected from registration, stamp duty etc.

Please consider decreasing the costs to a more sustainable level. I would ask for it to be scrapped altogether, but every Australian knows that would never happen ...