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Hon Greg Donnelly MLC Chair General Purpose Standing Committee No. 2

Dear Mr Donnelly

## IPART submission to General Purpose Standing Committee No. 2 Inquiry into road tolling

Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal New South Wales

IPART would be pleased to undertake a review of road tolling in NSW to determine how tolls are set and how they should change over time. We would bring our extensive experience in regulating transport infrastructure and recommending fares for public transport services to such a review.

IPART uses a rigorous, transparent and inclusive review process. We actively engage with stakeholders as well as undertake independent research and analysis.

As part of our Opal fares review, we undertook extensive modelling and consultation to establish the efficient costs of providing public transport services and to understand the impacts of congestion and air pollution on travel behaviour in Sydney. If we were asked to undertake a review of road tolling, we could draw on this approach to establish the efficient costs of the road network including any external costs associated with road transport.

Importantly, we would seek public input on the various issues associated with freight, personal and public transport. This would ensure that we consider and develop a package of measures that best assists Government to continue to improve the transport network in NSW.

Yours sincerely

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Peter J. Boxall AO Chair