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**LABOR WELCOMES THE OPENING OF NORTHCONNEX  
BUT TOLLMANIA MEANS HIGHER COSTS  
TO COAST RESIDENTS**

NSW Labor welcomes the long awaited opening of the NorthConnex tunnel. This infrastructure will provide a choice for Central Coast commuters who work in North West Sydney particularly.

NSW Labor however is disappointed that the NSW Liberal Government voted against a toll free period for Central Coast residents.

The real impact of high tolls will be felt the Roads Transport Industry who will be forced to significantly increase their operating costs.

“The situation where trucks will be forced to use a private road with no public road alternative is a tax on transport operators.” said Mr Harris

“The new toll will be \$7.99 per journey for cars and \$23.99 for trucks and will increase by 1% every quarter for the next almost 30 years.” said Mr Harris

“Under Labor’s plans for a toll free period, residents and transport operators would have saved some money during the current pandemic and recession, but the Liberal’s voted it down.” said Mr Harris

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