



owned by



# Media Release

22 September 2005

## M2 EXPRESS LANES COMING SOON

Transurban, the new owner of the M2 Hills Motorway, will introduce express tolling lanes on the M2.

Transurban General Manager (NSW & QLD) Lisa Hunt said "For the first time on the M2, motorists who own an e-TAG will be able to pay the toll without slowing down."

Currently, motorists using 'e-TAG only' lanes on the M2 have to slow down to 40 km per hour to pass through a boom gate.

Lisa Hunt said "Drivers are telling us they don't want to be caught in delays at the booths. Transurban's plan means motorists with an e-TAG will be able to travel through the toll plaza at the motorway speed of 80km per hour. This means no stopping and starting. The journey will be quick, easy and safer".

At the main toll plaza six toll booths will be replaced by fully electronic toll points with no boom gates, creating four central express lanes - two in each direction. *(see artist impression attached)*

At Pennant Hills Road two toll booths (one each at entry and exit) will be replaced by fully electronic toll points, without boom gates.

Cash lanes will still be available off to the left hand side of the toll plaza for motorists without an e-TAG.

The proposal has been approved by the RTA. Construction of the new express lanes will begin in late September.

The new toll gantries will be installed by late December. Six existing toll booths at the main plaza will be removed early next year to minimise disruption to traffic in the lead up to Christmas. The new express lanes will begin operating once this is complete.

Lisa Hunt said "Transurban is working very hard to deliver immediate results for M2 motorists, the community and Transurban shareholders."

To take advantage of the express lanes, motorists can get an e-TAG by simply calling **13 ROAM** (13 76 26).



**Roam** is a new business, delivering easy electronic tolling solutions for New South Wales motorists and businesses.

With a Roam e-TAG, you can roam anywhere – Roam e-TAGs work on ALL toll roads, bridges and tunnels in NSW – AND they work interstate. Roam works throughout Australia.

Roam is part of the Transurban Group - a top 50 company, listed on the Australian Stock Exchange that pioneered full electronic tolling in Australia.

The Transurban Group fully owns the M2 in Sydney, and Melbourne CityLink, Australia's first fully electronic toll road. Transurban also has a 40% stake in Westlink M7, which is due to open in April 2006.

Westlink M7 will be Sydney's first distance based fully electronic toll road where you will only pay for the distance you travel.

-ends-

For further information or to photograph/film the main toll plaza:

**Cassie Hamer**

Mobile: 0401 021 430