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RECORD TOLL RELIEF COMING SOON FOR SYDNEY DRIVERS

The NSW Government is putting more cash back into the pockets of drivers than ever before with the first payments from its new toll relief scheme just around the corner.

Drivers will soon be able to apply for the new scheme, with payments expected to be made into drivers' bank accounts from mid-January 2023, backdated to July 1, 2022.

Member for Castle Hill Ray Williams MP said the Toll Relief Scheme is another example of how the NSW Government is continuing to deliver a brighter future for families across NSW by addressing cost of living pressures.

"This great initiative ensures that people in Castle Hill are left with more money at the end of the week while optimising our world-leading motorway network so that families and small businesses who rely on our roads spend less time in traffic and more time at home," Mr Williams said.

"This is just another example of the NSW Government's visionary commitment to transforming the way people move around Sydney, supported by our \$112 billion infrastructure investment pipeline including \$76 billion in Roads and Transport Infrastructure."

Treasurer Matt Kean said the scheme is the latest addition to the NSW Government's commitment to toll relief, which over many years has seen tens of millions of dollars put back into the bank accounts of drivers.

"We know that cost of living pressures are absolutely front of mind for people right across NSW, which is why our government has implemented more than 70 measures to help ease the pressure on household budgets," Mr Kean said.

"This initiative will deliver \$520 million worth of relief over two years, saving eligible commuters up to \$750 per year.

"Over the past two years alone, we have given \$236 million back to drivers through the M5 Cashback Scheme and a further \$139 million in registration relief."

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Minister for Metropolitan Roads Natalie Ward said the new scheme would make life easier for families right across Sydney, including in Sydney's west and south-west.

"More than half a million Sydney motorists will benefit from the rebate which will be paid quarterly, putting more money back into the pockets of more motorists more often, particularly in Western Sydney," Mrs Ward said.

"Improving Sydney's tollways is a complex task, but we are focused on delivering the best possible outcomes for commuters across the city.

"This includes delivering and maintaining the world-class infrastructure that Sydney needs now, while ensuring Sydney remains affordable for everyday families."

For more details on the new Toll Relief Scheme please visit www.service.nsw.gov.au/new-toll-relief-scheme-faqs

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