

## Sydney the fifth most expensive city in the world to park

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Shadow Minister for Transport Gladys Berejiklian said today the NSW Rees Labor Government must reverse its massive hike in the parking space levy, which makes Sydney one of the most expensive cities in the world to park.

"Labor's massive 110% increase on parking spaces makes Sydney the fifth most expensive city in the world to park," Ms Berejiklian said.

"It is unacceptable Sydneysiders pay more in parking levies than people living in New York, Tokyo and Zurich especially given we don't have reliable public transport options," she said.

"It is unfair to ask Sydneysiders to pay more for parking when the NSW public transport system is so inadequate.

"For many people who drive into the city, whether on a casual basis or for work purposes, public transport is just not an option because of its unreliability.

"Many commuters find themselves without any other transport options because the State Labor Government has failed to properly invest, manage and deliver major transport infrastructure.

"Not only are these massive hikes unjustified, but the Rees Labor Government refuses to be transparent about where the money collected from the levy actually goes.

"If commuters had viable public transport options it would be a greater incentive for people to leave their cars at home and avoid the levy, but unfortunately that option does not exist.

"Earlier this year the NSW Liberal/Nationals opposed the parking space levy Bill which advocated this massive increase," Ms Berejiklian said.

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