

HI POSSUMS! EVER WONDER HOW THE REALLY BIG DECISIONS GET MADE? WELL, COME WITH ME AND WE'LL HAVE A PEEK BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE MIGHTY

A Nick Possum investigation



# SHIP OF STATE!

BUT FIRST... IN A BUNKER DEEP BENEATH ELIZABETH STREET....

GOVERNMENTS COME ... GOVERNMENTS GO...  
BUT ALWAYS THE PLAN HAS REMAINED...  
MINISTERS COME... MINISTERS GO...  
BUT ALWAYS THE PLAN HAS TRIUMPHED!

ALL HAIL THE PLAN!

ALL HAIL THE ORBITAL!!

THE SYDNEY ORBITAL

MEANWHILE.. IN MACQUARIE STREET ...THE INTELLECTUAL POWERHOUSE OF GOVERNMENT...

THE PEOPLE WANTED CLEAN AIR!

...SO I MADE A SPEECH ON CLEAN AIR!

THEN THEY WANTED A LIVEABLE CITY!

SO I MADE A SPEECH ON THAT!

AND STILL THEY WERE NOT SATISFIED!

THEN THEY WANTED NO TOLLS!!

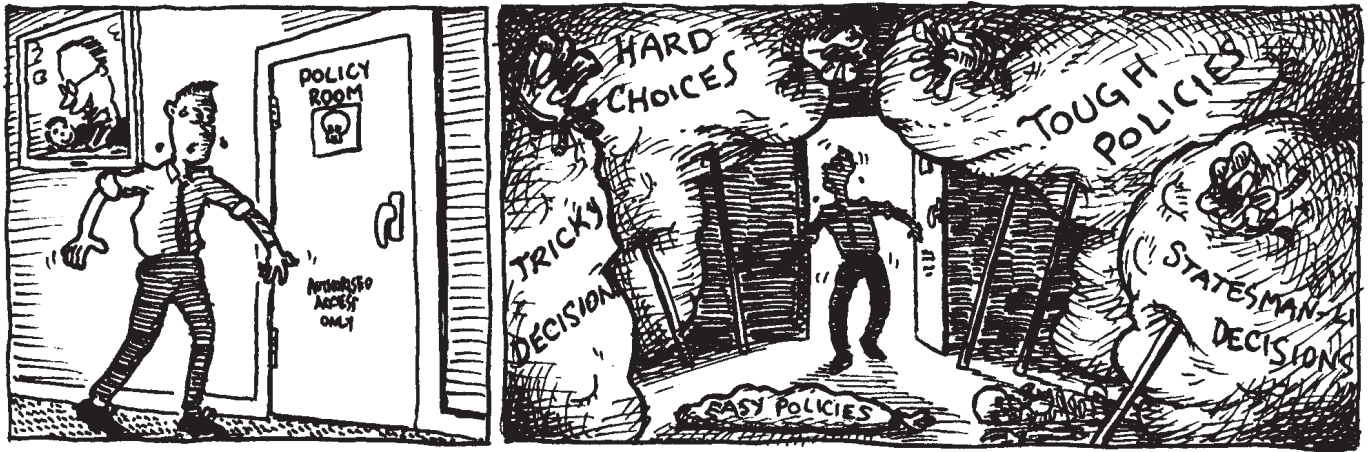
SO I GAVE THEM NO TOLLS!

...NOW THEY WANT A TUNNEL!

OH MY LEADER... THE POLLS HAVE DIPPED 0.01%!

AHHHHHGGCH!  
WHY DO THEY HATE ME SO!!

QUICKLY FLAK... BRING FORTH THE BAG OF EASY POLICIES!



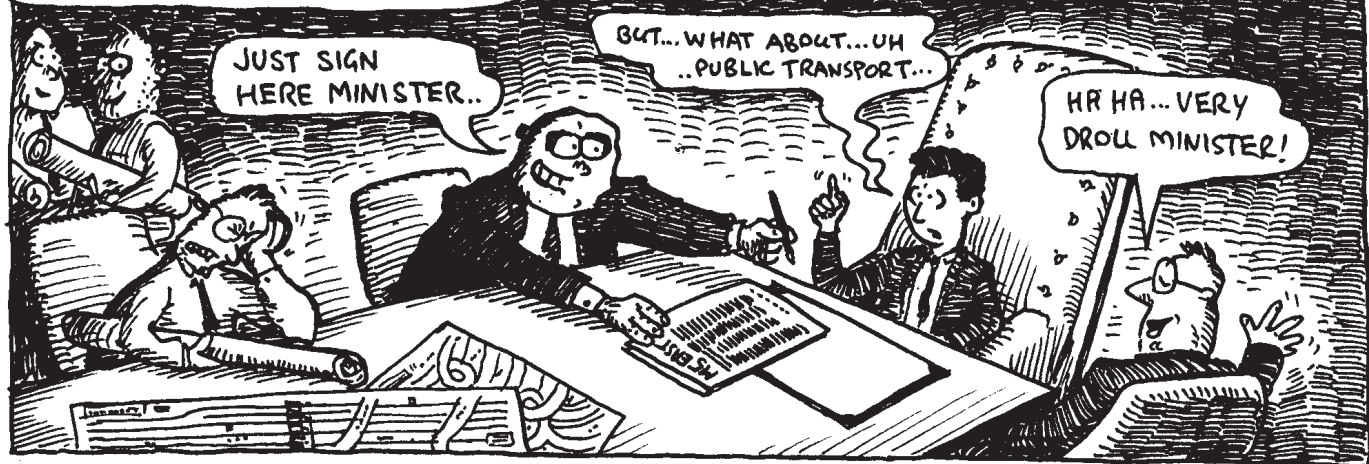
MEANWHILE ... IN THE RTA'S ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT DIVISION... (FORMERLY KNOWN AS 'PUBLIC RELATIONS'...)



WHILE... DOWNSTAIRS, IN TRAFFIC ENGINEERING...



AND... IN THE NEW MINISTER'S OFFICE, YOUNG CARL SCULLY COMES TO GRIPS WITH HIS DEMANDING NEW PORTFOLIO...

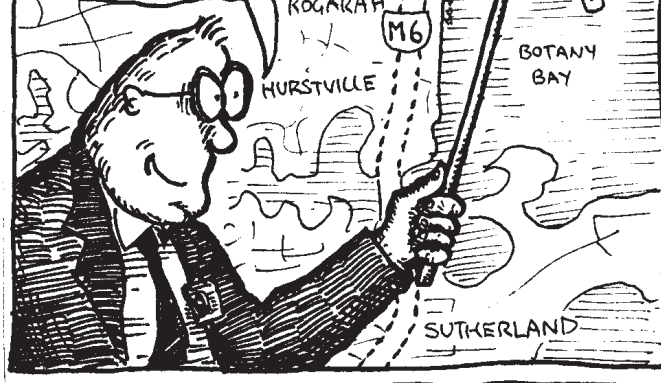
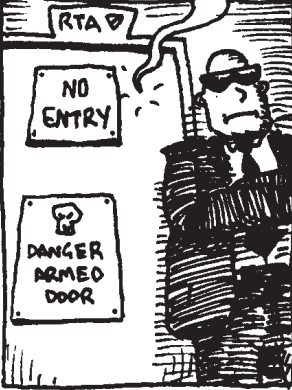
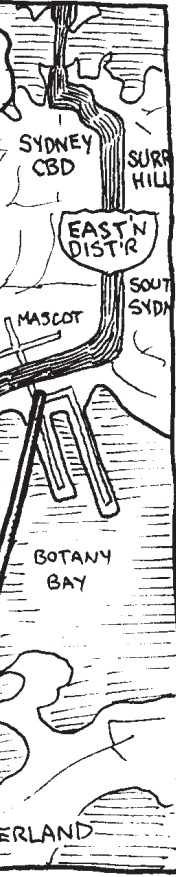


MEANWHILE... BACK IN THE BUNKER...

GOOD MORNING GENTLEMEN! THANKS FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLAIN THE FINAL PHASE OF OUR STRATEGY.

THIS IS OUR PLAN... AND WE THINK IT'S PRETTY SMART...

FIRST... WE HIT THEM WITH THE EASTERN DISTRIBUTOR. WE LET OUR ENGINEERS HAVE THEIR HEADS ON THIS ONE SO IT'S... AH-HEM... FRANKLY RATHER OFFENSIVE... THE YUPIES ARE SCREAMING ABOUT THE IMPACT ON THE ART GALLERY...



IS THIS WISE?

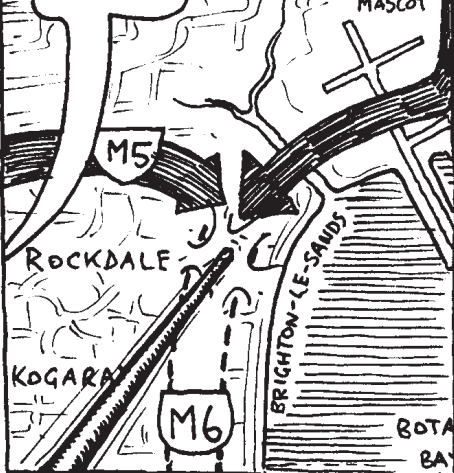
IT'S TACTICAL SIR... THE MEDIA ARE DISTRACTED FROM THE REST OF THE ROUTE.

AND NOW THE SMART PART IS...

WE LAUNCH THE M5 EAST AT THE SAME TIME... THE MEDIA CAN'T HANDLE TWO ROADS AT ONCE... SO IT GETS LOST IN THE FINE PRINT!

EXCELLENT!

THEN... WHEN THE TWO ROADS COME ON LINE, ABOUT 60,000 CARS A DAY GET DUMPED RIGHT HERE...



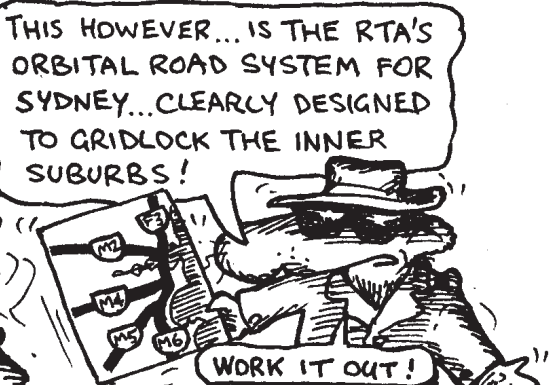
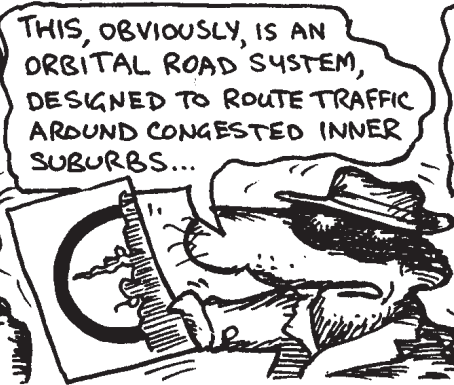
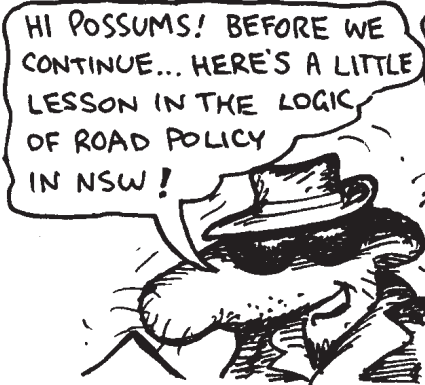
ROCKDALE WILL BE SWAMPED IN TRAFFIC!

YES SIR, IT'LL BE A DISASTER!

THEY'LL BEG US TO BUILD THE M6!

I'D SAY THEY'LL COME ON THEIR KNEES SIR...

MONEY WILL BE NO OBJECT!



FINALLY... LET'S SEE WHAT OUR FEARLESS REGULATORS AND PLANNERS ARE UP TO...



THANK GOD THE STATE IS IN SUCH WISE, FIRM HANDS!

THE LAST THING WE NEED IS ARBITRARY DECISION-MAKING IN THE INTERESTS OF CORPORATE FINANCIERS AND FACELESS ENGINEERS!

WE ELECT LABOR GOVERNMENTS TO STAMP OUT THAT SORT OF THING!!

