

## Media Release

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### **One Million Transactions Milestone for EastLink**

ConnectEast, the owner and operator of the EastLink tollway, processed more than one million electronic tolling transactions for the first time on a single day in mid-November 2009.

EastLink is one of Melbourne's two fully-electronic free-flow tollroads and this new Australian record for processed daily transactions sets the benchmark for electronic tolling systems in Australia.

With 13 toll sections in each direction on the 39km motorway, and an average five toll point transactions per vehicle trip, ConnectEast's tolling system processed 1.02 million transactions for the first time on November 13, equating to 212,000 trips. Furthermore, ConnectEast has significant additional capacity available for expected future growth in EastLink traffic.

"In our first 16 months of operation, ConnectEast has successfully completed the transition to an efficient operating business capable of processing more than one million transactions in a single day," said ConnectEast Managing Director Dennis Cliche.

"The team has quickly established a strong and growing customer base and has proven its capabilities in delivering reliable and convenient service."

Since opening in June 2008, ConnectEast has:

- Opened more than 198,000 Breeze accounts
- Issued more than 332,000 Breeze tags
- Sold more than one million EastLink trip passes to casual users
- Recorded more than 75 million trips
- Processed more than one million transactions on November 13, November 27 and December 4 this year.

In November this year, EastLink recorded more than 169,500 Average Daily Trips – the highest monthly result so far, representing a 19.4% increase on November 2008 and a 25.8% increase in Average Daily Revenue in the same period.

Since the start of tolling there has been a 25% increase in Average Daily Trips and a 32% rise in revenue. In the same period, average daily vehicle kilometres travelled on EastLink have increased by 29% and the average trip length has grown by 3.7%.

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