

A NICK  
POSSUM  
MYSTERY

JUST  
\$2!

# ROADS of DOOM

I THINK I'M ON  
THE TRACK OF  
SOMETHING  
HERE...

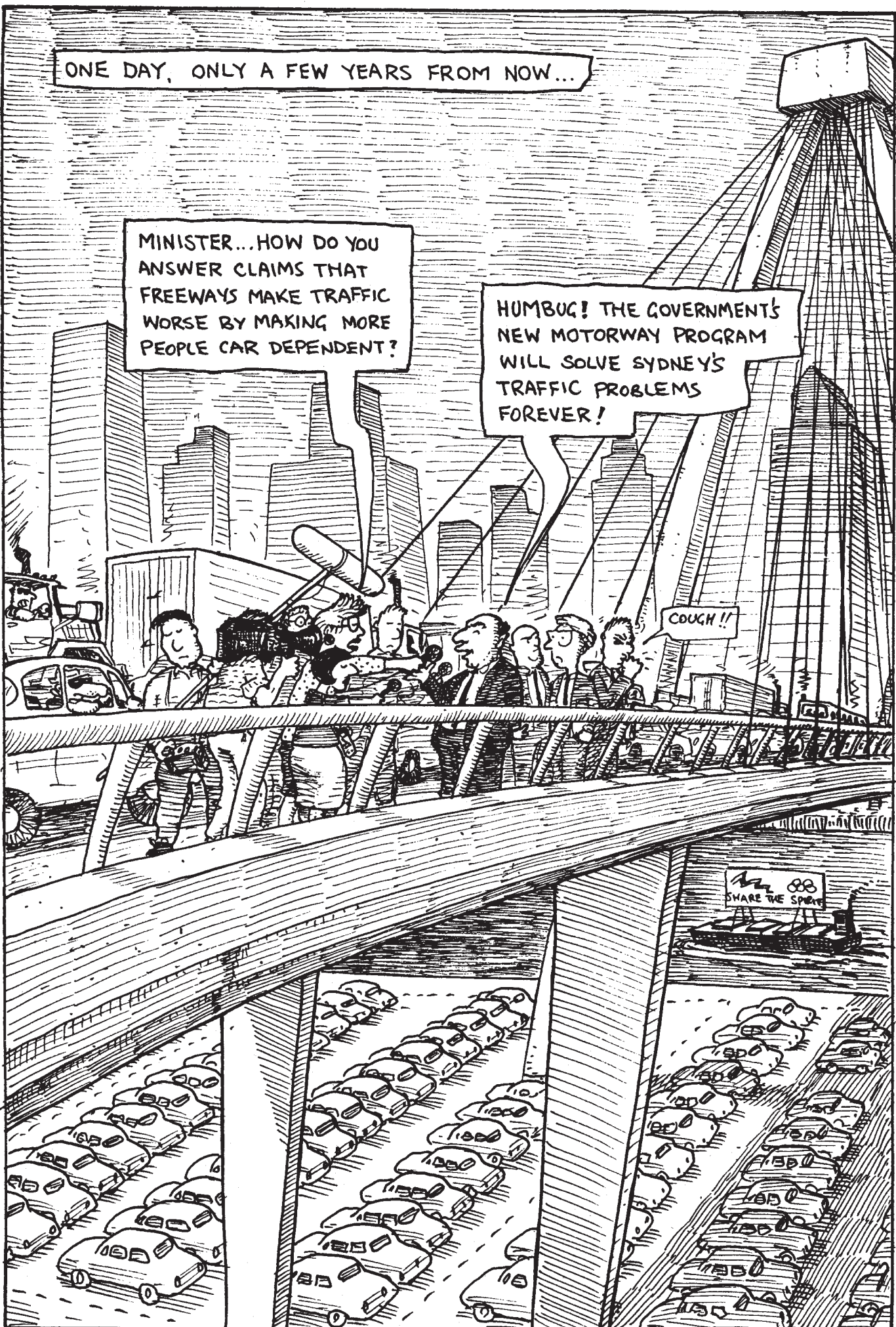
A facsimile of the original 1994 print edition

ONE DAY, ONLY A FEW YEARS FROM NOW...

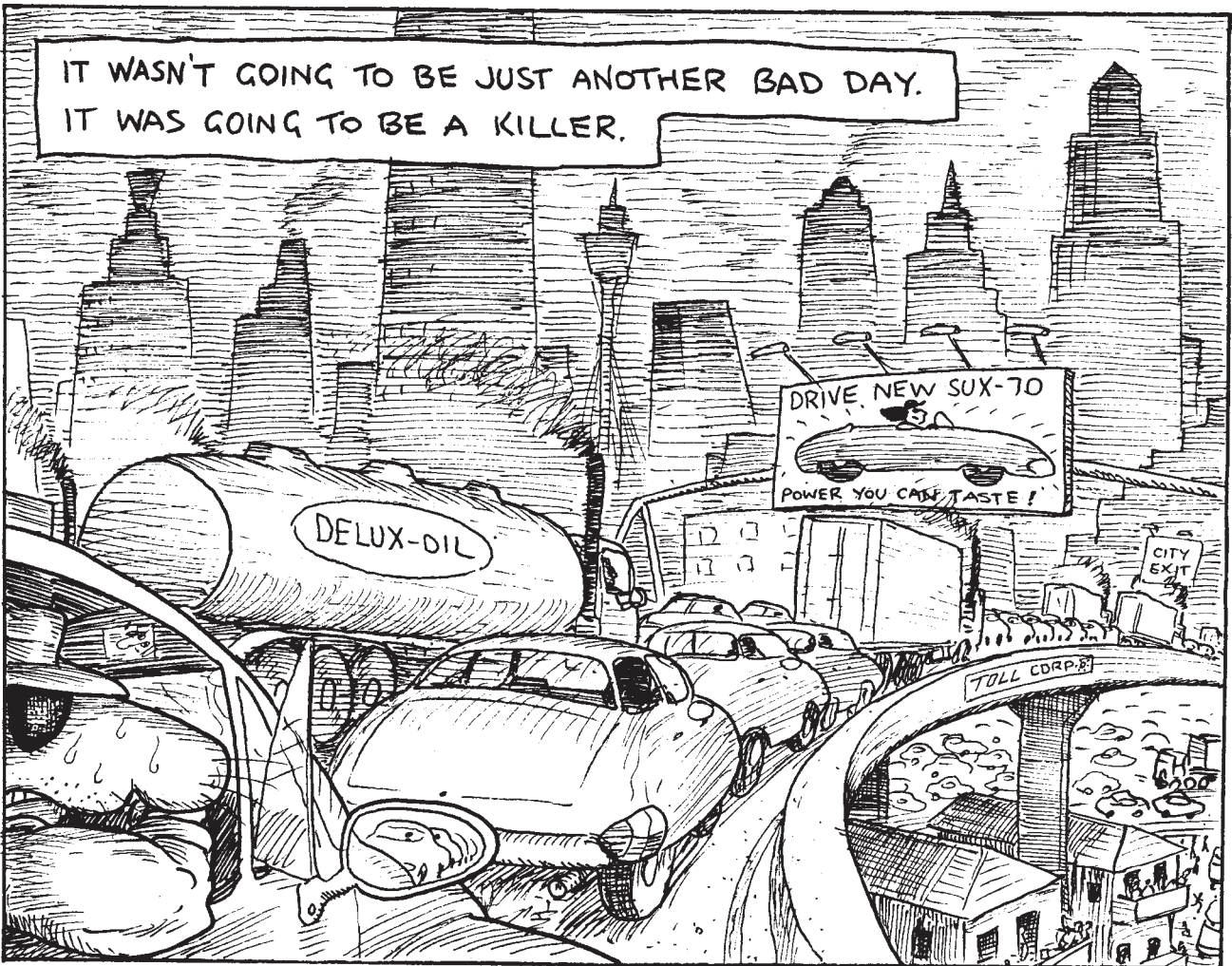
MINISTER...HOW DO YOU ANSWER CLAIMS THAT FREEWAYS MAKE TRAFFIC WORSE BY MAKING MORE PEOPLE CAR DEPENDENT?

HUMBUG! THE GOVERNMENT'S NEW MOTORWAY PROGRAM WILL SOLVE SYDNEY'S TRAFFIC PROBLEMS FOREVER!

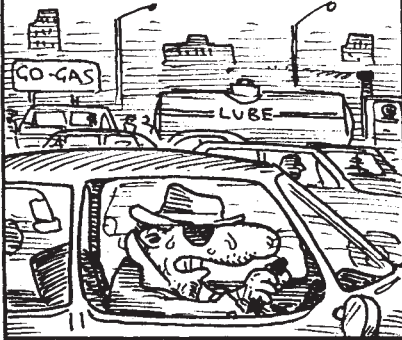
COUGH!!



IT WASN'T GOING TO BE JUST ANOTHER BAD DAY.  
IT WAS GOING TO BE A KILLER.



THE INVERSION LAYER HAD  
SLIPPED OVER THE CITY  
AND SEALED IT TIGHT AS  
A KETTLE...



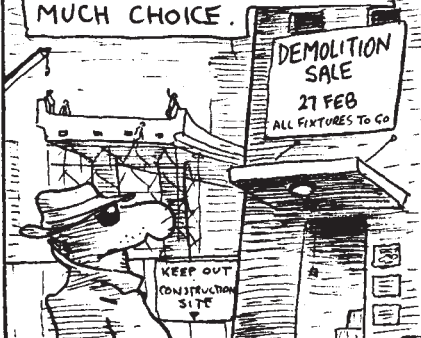
THE AIR WAS TURNING  
INTO A FOUL CHEMICAL  
SOUP...



THE SUN WAS A PALE  
SICKLY DISC FLOATING  
IN A MUSTARD SKY. THE  
STREETS WERE LIKE AN  
OVEN...



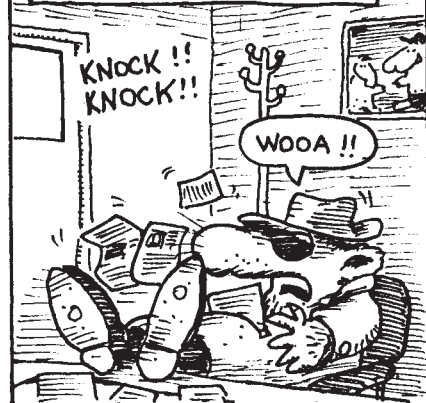
MY OFFICE WAS DUE FOR  
DEMOLITION. I THOUGHT  
OF IT AS THE PRICE OF  
PROGRESS. I DIDN'T HAVE  
MUCH CHOICE.

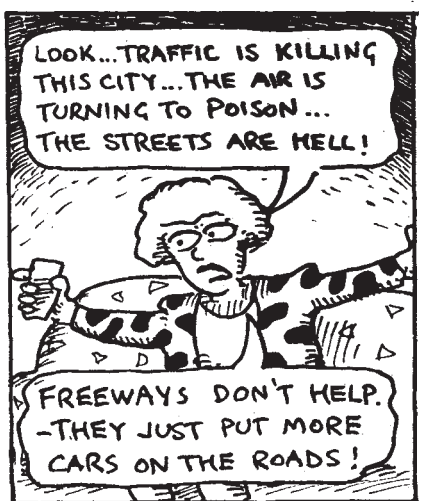
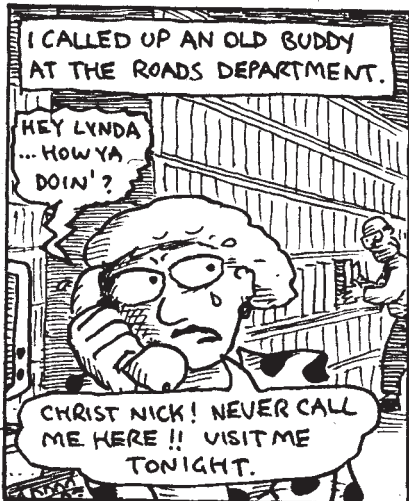
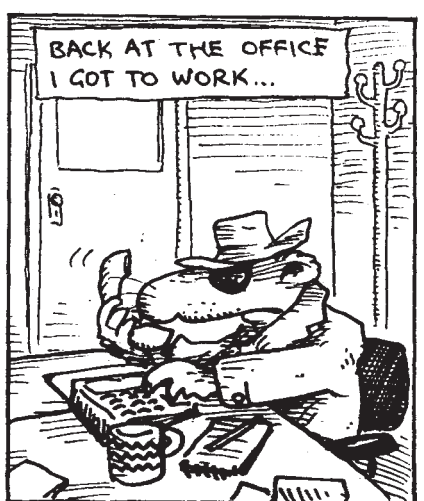


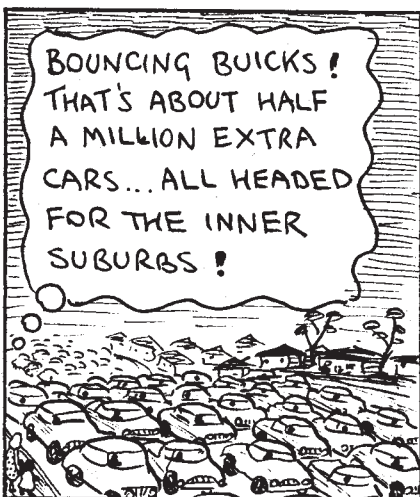
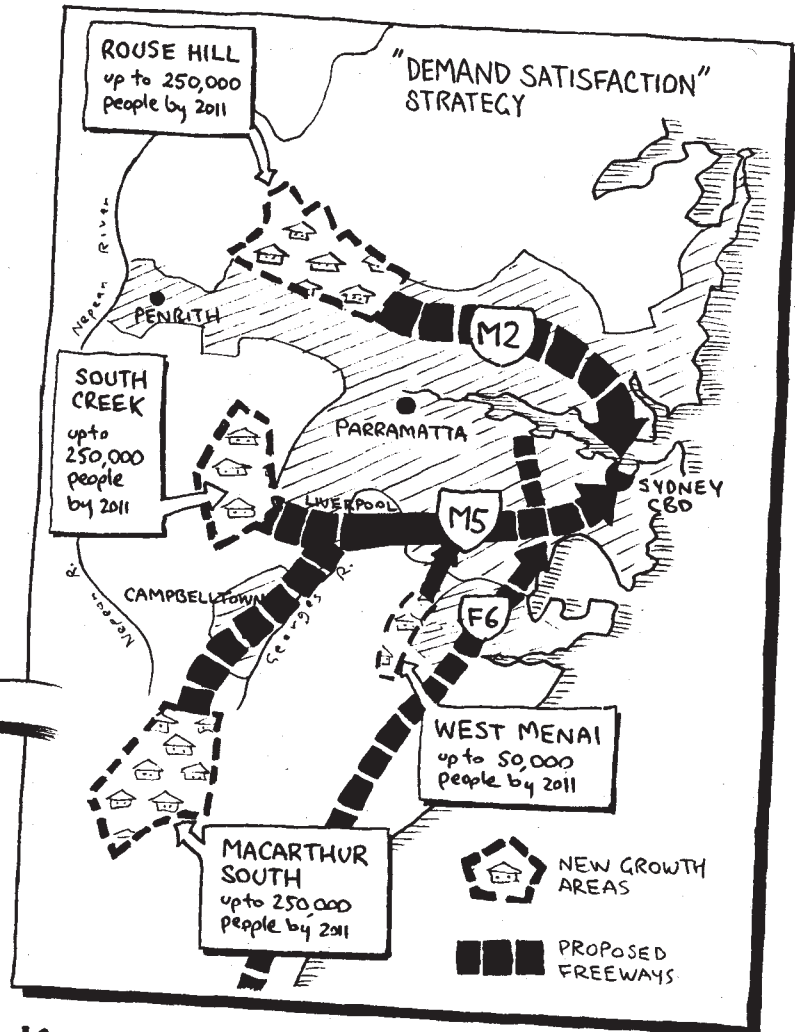
I GOT TO THE OFFICE...MADE  
A STRONG BLACK & INHALED  
THE FUMES, WHILE I LOOKED  
THROUGH THE MAIL...



SUDDENLY THERE WAS  
A KNOCK AT THE DOOR!







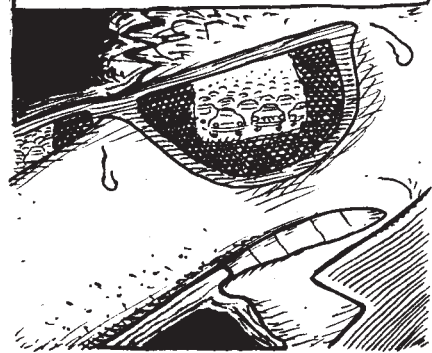
\* THE REPORT, CALLED 'ROAD TRANSPORT-FUTURE DIRECTIONS', REALLY EXISTS! WHEN THE RTA REALISED IT HAD NO STRATEGY FOR THE FUTURE OF THE ROAD SYSTEM, IT COMMISSIONED A MAJOR STUDY BY RESPECTED CONSULTING FIRMS. THE REPORT, FINISHED IN 1990, SO EMBARRASSED THE RTA THAT IT SHELVED IT FOR MANY MONTHS. FINALLY AN ACTIVIST, CARON MORRISON, "LAUNCHED" IT AT A SMOG SUMMIT IN 1992. THE REPORT CONCLUDED THAT "IF CURRENT TRENDS CONTINUE" (I.E. IF ROADS CONTINUE TO BE BUILT TO SATISFY DEMAND) THERE WOULD BE CATASTROPHIC INCREASES IN CONGESTION (600%) AND SMOG (36%). THESE FIGURES HAVE NEVER BEEN QUESTIONED.

THE OTHER DOCUMENT WAS AN OFFICIAL REPORT... IT PREDICTED THE RESULTS IF THE FREEWAYS WENT AHEAD...



■ Congestion in Sydney (time lost) increasing	+67%
■ Carbon Dioxide (Greenhouse) emittants increasing	+600%
■ Other emittants (air quality) increasing	+23%
■ Fuel Consumption by	+36%
■ ...	+23%

AND HERE'S THE PUNCHLINE - TRAFFIC CONGESTION UP 600% ! THAT'S GRIDLOCK !!



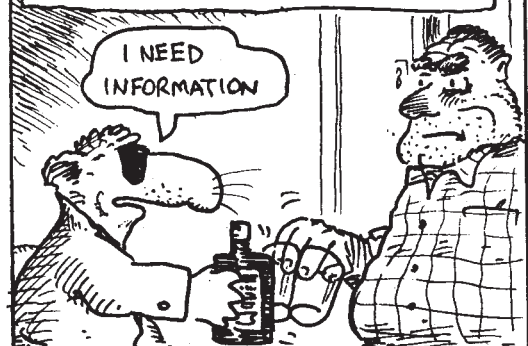
I COULD SEE THIS STUFF WAS DYNAMITE... BUT IT STILL DIDN'T TELL ME WHO WAS PULLING THE STRINGS...



I DECIDED TO TRY ANOTHER ANGLE...



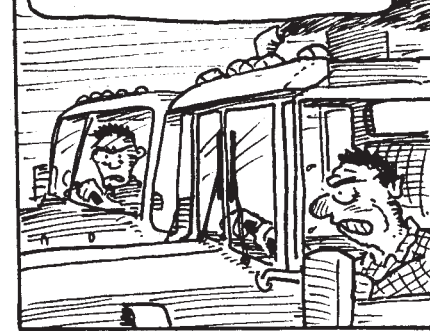
DAVE'S AN EX-TRUCKIE... HE KNOWS THE SYSTEM.. I PUT A BOTTLE OF SCOTCH ON THE TABLE...



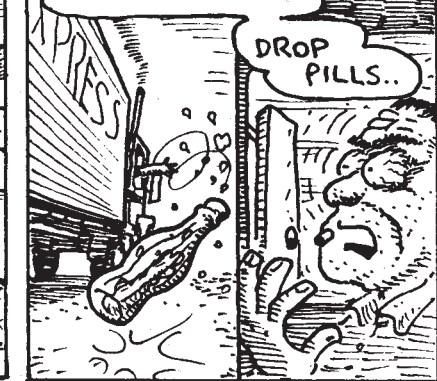
I'VE SEEN THE TRUCKIE'S LIFE GO DOWNHILL...



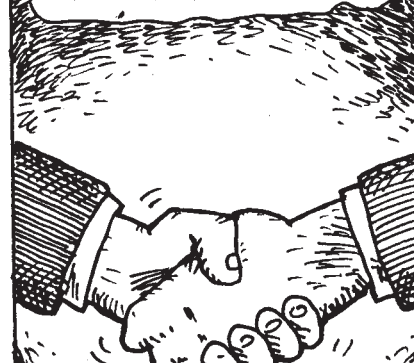
NOW GUYS PAY A MILLION BUCKS FOR A RIG... THEN CUT EACH OTHER'S THROATS TO SURVIVE...



PISS IN COKE BOTTLES AND CHUCK THEM OUT THE WINDOW...



IT'S DOG EAT DOG... ONLY THE BIG COMPANIES ARE WINNING.....



OK..OK..BUT WHAT'S IT GOT TO DO WITH FREEWAYS?

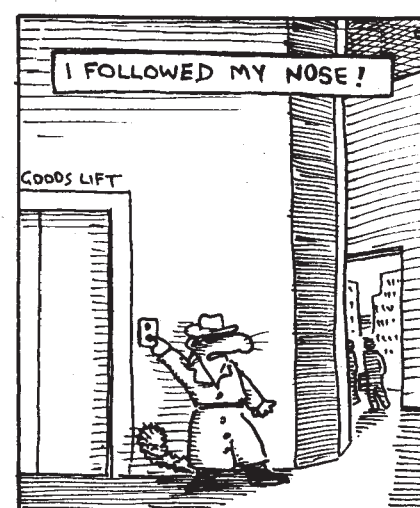
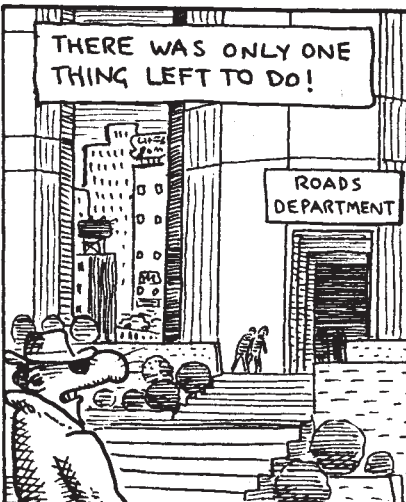
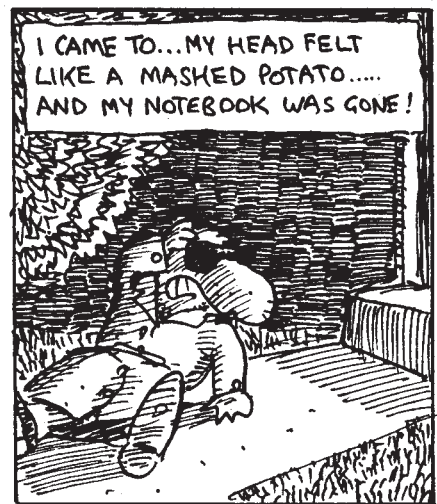
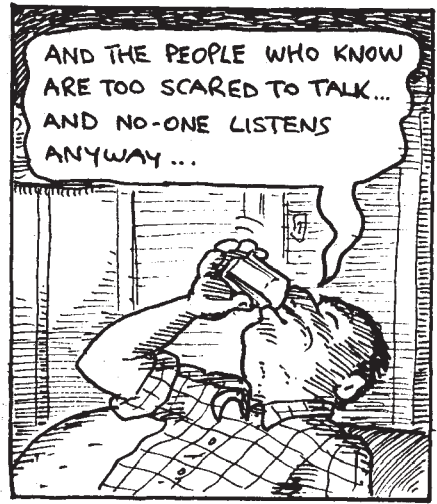
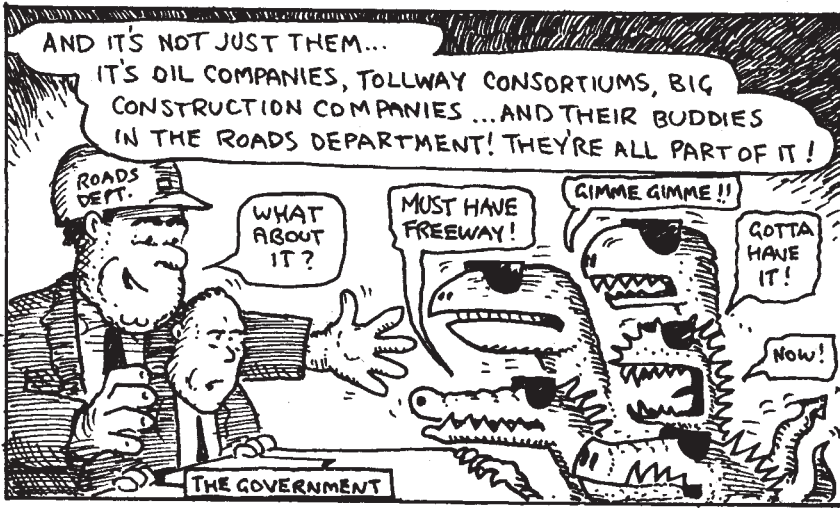


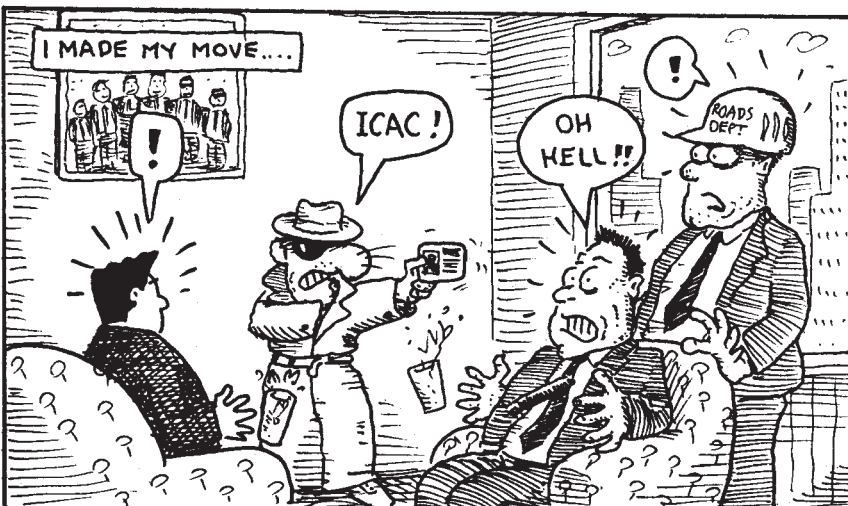
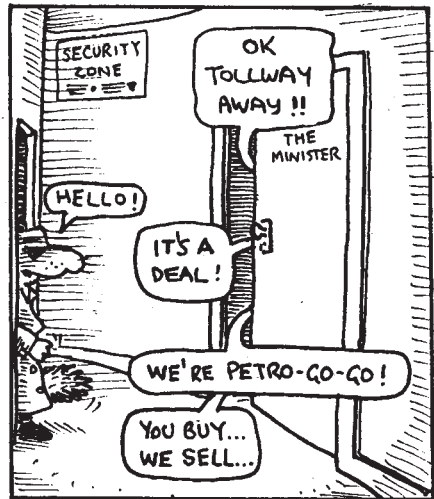
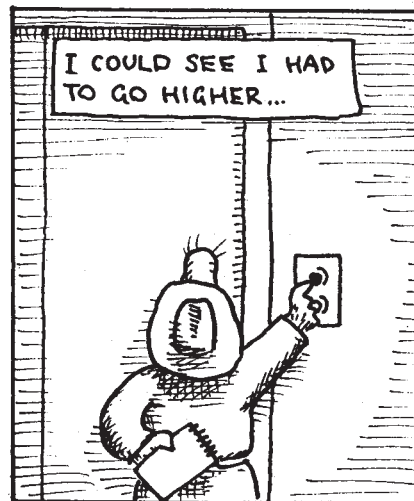
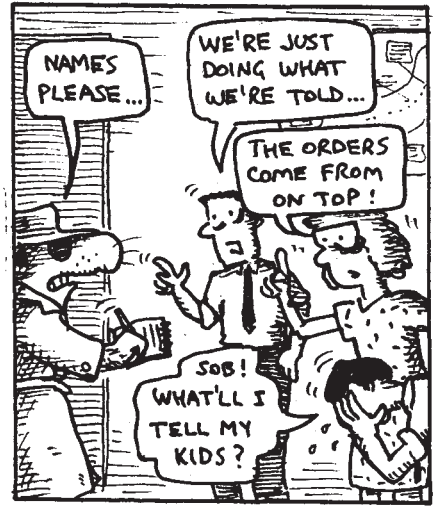
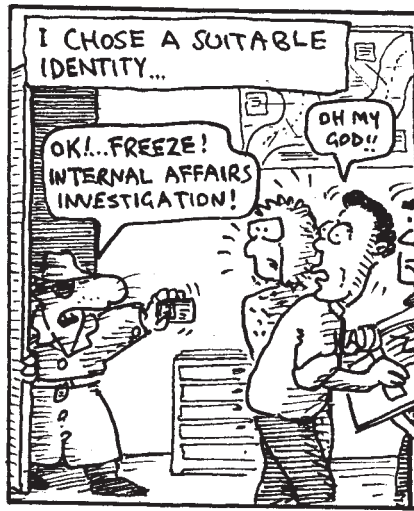
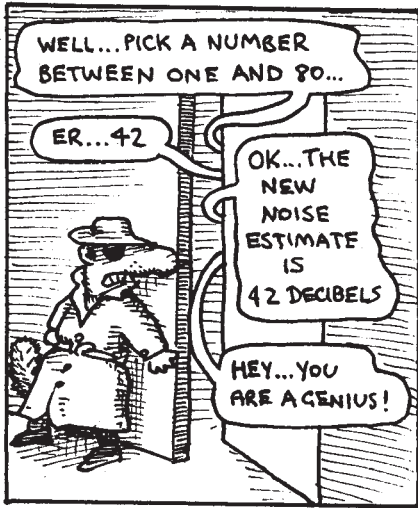
EVERYTHING !! THE TRUCKING LOBBY HAVE GOT THE EAR... ..AND THE REST... OF THE POLITICIANS !

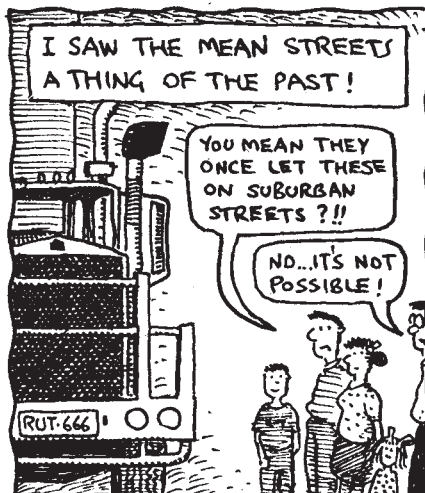
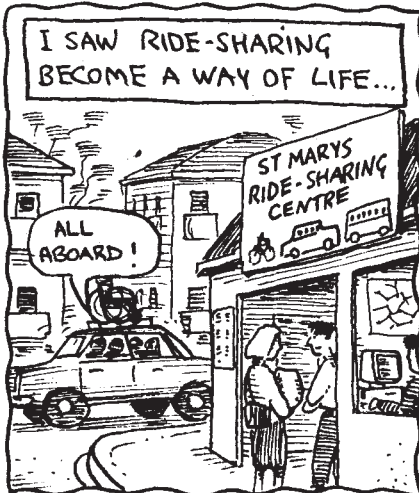
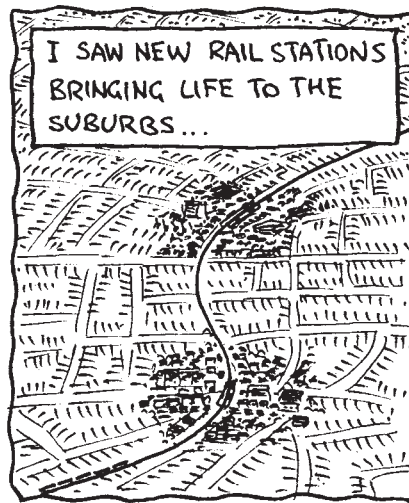
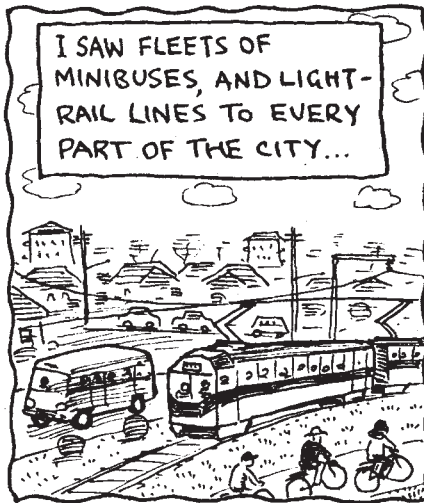
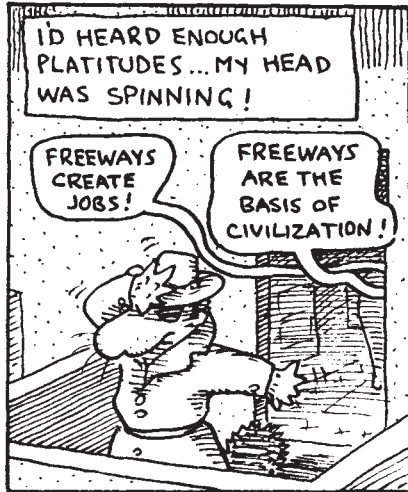
YOU DONT WANT ANOTHER BLOCKADE?

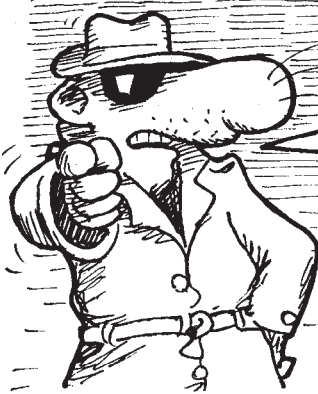
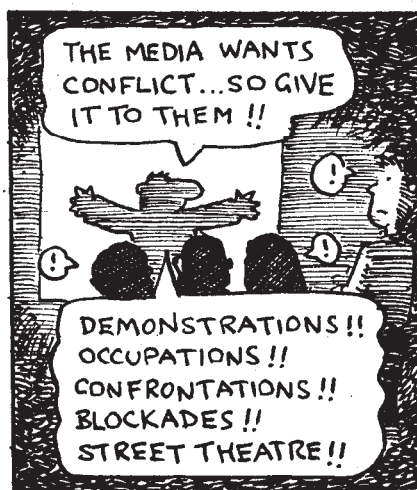
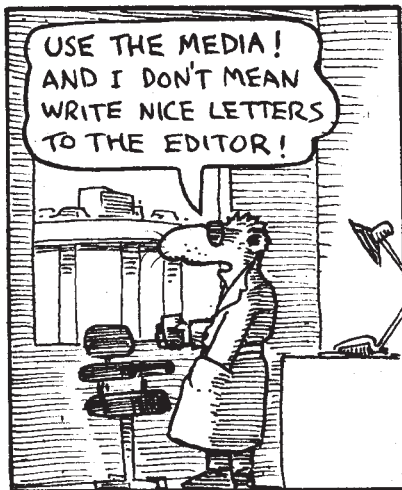
BIG TRUCKS ARE GOTTA ROLL!











# HOLD IT THERE!

DON'T STOP READING - THIS STORY ISN'T OVER YET!  
 SYDNEY COULD BE A LIVING HELL ... OR A NICE PLACE TO LIVE ... **IT'S UP TO YOU!**

IF YOU WANT TO HELP... HERE'S WHAT YOU CAN DO!

**1**

## HELP LINKUP

- GET YOUR GROUP TO JOIN LINKUP.
  - SEND A DONATION
- FILL IN THE FORM BELOW.

NAME .....

**2**

TALK TO YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS & WORKMATES. EXPLAIN TO THEM WHY FREEWAYS HAVE GOT TO BE STOPPED.

**DO IT NOW!**

**3**

## WRITE TO YOUR POLITICIANS.\*

- ▶ DEMAND TO KNOW WHAT SOLUTION THEY PROPOSE TO TRAFFIC AND SMOG IN SYDNEY.
- ▶ TELL THEM YOU WANT TO SEE PROPOSED FREEWAYS & TOLLWAYS REPLACED WITH RAIL SYSTEMS.



Note: LinkUp is now defunct. If you're interested in Sydney-wide public transport activism go to the EcoTransit web site:  
[www.ecotransit.org.au](http://www.ecotransit.org.au)

\*CALL 230 2111 TO FIND OUT WHO YOUR LOCAL MEMBER IS!

**WITH ROADS IN CHAOS  
AND POISONED AIR,  
SYDNEY IS OBVIOUSLY  
IN DEEP \*\*\*!**

**BUT... IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO  
DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT!**

**HERE'S A PLAN SO SIMPLE  
EVEN A POLITICIAN COULD  
FIGURE IT OUT!**



**1. STOP BUILDING FREEWAYS & TOLLWAYS.**

**2. DISMANTLE THE RTA. PUT URBAN  
TRANSPORT PLANNING & BUDGETS  
IN THE HANDS OF A SPECIAL  
'URBAN TRANSPORT COMMISSION'  
CHARGED WITH CREATING A BALANCED  
TRANSPORT SYSTEM FOR SYDNEY,  
AND A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT.**

**3. CHANNEL COMMONWEALTH ROAD \$\$  
INTO PUBLIC TRANSPORT EXPANSION.**

**4. GIVE PUBLIC TRANSPORT A GUARANTEED  
SOURCE OF INCOME, LIKE THE 3 x 3  
FUEL LEVY.**

**NOW IS THAT SO HARD  
TO DO? I THINK NOT!**



LINKUP IS A NETWORK  
OF COMMUNITY GROUPS  
WORKING TO MAKE  
SYDNEY A BETTER  
PLACE TO LIVE.

MEMBERS INCLUDE:

- ACTION FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORT,
- ST GEORGE ASSOC. FOR DISABLED,
- PUBLIC TRANSPORT UNION,
- TOTAL ENVIRONMENT CENTRE,
- COMBINED PENSIONERS & SUPERANNUANTS ASSOC.
- WOLLI CREEK PRESERVATION SOCIETY,
- CTAG,
- CUTS.

# Believe it or not!



WHEN YOU SEE HOW POWER IS ABUSED IN SOME COUNTRIES... IT MAKES YOU PROUD TO BE AN AUSTRALIAN!

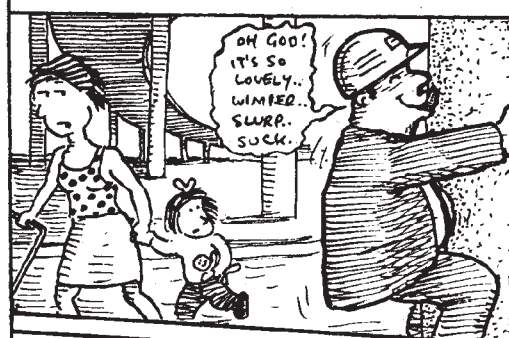
IN SOME COUNTRIES MASSIVE PROJECTS ARE ALLOWED TO GO AHEAD EVEN AFTER OFFICIAL INQUIRIES HAVE FOUND THEM TO BE UNJUSTIFIED OR MISCONCEIVED!



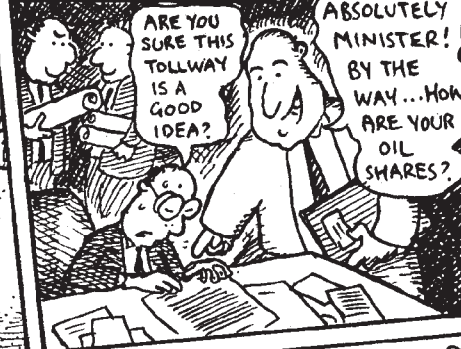
IN SOME COUNTRIES MAJOR BANKS LEND MONEY FOR PROJECTS WHICH DAMAGE THE HEALTH OF MILLIONS AND MAKE CITIES UNLIVEABLE!



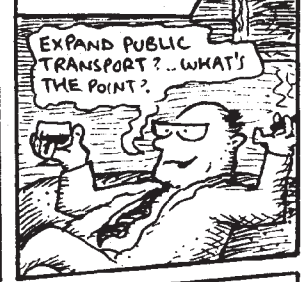
IN SOME COUNTRIES THE EGOS OF ENGINEERS ARE PANDERED TO NO MATTER WHAT THE COST TO THE PUBLIC INTEREST!



IN SOME COUNTRIES POLITICIANS ARE SO STUPID, UNINTERESTED OR CORRUPT THAT THEY ACCEPT VIRTUALLY EVERYTHING THEY ARE TOLD BY POWERFUL BUREAUCRATS!



IN SOME COUNTRIES EX-EXECUTIVES OF OIL CORPORATIONS HAVE BEEN GIVEN CONTROL OF ENTIRE PUBLIC TRANSPORT SYSTEMS!



IN SOME COUNTRIES, PRIVATE TOLLWAY CONSORTIUMS WHICH MAKE BAD BUSINESS DECISIONS ARE BAILED OUT BY HUGE LOW INTEREST GOVERNMENT LOANS!



IN SOME COUNTRIES PUBLIC POLICY HAS BEEN COMPLETELY PERVERTED BY VESTED INTERESTS!

