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- Faster travel times in Australia compared to London may not mean the costs of congestion are lower. Much of the costs of congestion in Australia may be being felt in poorer land use (eg larger suburbs). In London, people have no option but to sit in traffic, in Australia we spread out jobs and housing. But it is still a cost of unpriced congestion that people choose to live and work out of the cities.
- Some Australian cities may be inherently better designed for congestion pricing than London, such as Melbourne (which is planned and has a well designed arterial road network, see here <http://epress.anu.edu.au/agenda/013/01/13-1-a-5.pdf> ).

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