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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Inquiry into commuter car parking in NSW**

The Parliament's Committee on Transport and Infrastructure is looking into ways to improve the park and ride experience for commuters across NSW.

"A key factor to keep Sydney and NSW moving is to encourage the use of public transport, and one of the main ways we can do this is by ensuring that train stations remain accessible and convenient to use," said Committee Chair Eleni Petinos MP.

"Commuter car parking can ease congestion on local roads and free up other car parks for local employment or shopping trips."

"We are interested to hear people's experiences of commuter car parking and also innovative solutions for how it can be improved."

The Committee will be looking at the effectiveness of State Government policies and programs covering commuter car parking and new initiatives to encourage their use in the future.

"We will investigate whether new technology such as smartphone apps with real-time parking information can make it easier for commuters to find parking or if the Opal system could be used to ensure commuter car parks are only serving public transport users."

The Committee is currently inviting submissions from the public and is keen to hear from all road and public transport users across NSW.

The closing date for submissions to the inquiry is Friday 4 August 2017.

Further information about the inquiry can be obtained by visiting the Committee's website at: <http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/transportandinfrastructure>

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