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COMMUTER CAR PARKING IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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The suggestion Opal cards be used for entry to commuter carparks is a moot point as in my area the commuter carparks are full from 7:30am till 6:00pm. Since my husband and I moved to the West Ryde area 12 years ago, so many apartment blocks have been built with no increase in the commuter parking areas. The development of the Top Ryde Shopping Centre residential units means many residents from that area drive down to West Ryde station to catch the train. Many more apartment blocks have been built along Blaxland Road with the same result. Streets around the station both sides of the line are parked out for blocks away.

I think people should be encouraged to use public transport, but unless suitable parking areas are provided at stations so commuters can park and ride, the number of cars will increase on Sydney roads.

As I am now over 65, retired and have difficulty walking, I need to park at the station even though I live within a 15minute walk. On-street parking near the station is restricted to two hours, so is not an option. Rather than drive to my volunteer positions, meetings and appointments any distance from home, I am forced to leave when my husband can drop me at the station on his way to work. On my return I must pay for a taxi or wait for my husband to collect me.

Please increase commuter parking as a priority or the wonderful roadway plans for Sydney will be compromised.

Regards

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