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COMMUTER CAR PARKING IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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As a member of public with a background in civil engineering, project management and planning i offer the following comments with regard to the terms of reference for commuter parking. By way of background i live on the central coast and have been a commuter for many years now in both private and work capacities. A) current policy and programs struggle to keep pace with development and grossly rely on local streets with free parking to back up the necessary demand. This is largely influenced by government not delivering on a funding program to expand anything that is outside of sydney. The cost and appeal of public transport is heavily influenced by parking. Central coast commuters are overflowing car parks flooding every free space possible in wyong, gosford, tuggerah and woy woy. The overflow is jamming town centres and even extending down to berowra and up to morriset. We need to make it attractive by planning the multi level facilities at stations for simple expansion over time. B)commuter parks need to be at regular rail services stations and around the arterial road network or city fringes offering real alternatives to driving right into the city but i stress they must be free to succeed in this way. C) Opal access sure but they need to be free for any commuter actually using a servixe as soon as they tap on. If a commuter doesnt jump on a train and uses the space more than 2 hours charge them. Any ride share or carpooling carparks for commuters also needs to be free and very close to arterial motorways and inter city freeway interchanges to be successful. D) no comment E) other matters - commuter car parks are heavily influenced by transport alternatives and there are still major urban centres around sydney that are faster, cheaper and more reliably accessed by private car. Its worth the \$10 per day, fuel and time spent jam packed on pennant hills road to work in parramatta for instance. The alternative is standing room only trains taking longer, costing around half the \$\$ but regularly late, regularly stuffed by lengthy change train waits and express services that skip key stations like berowra. Nothing like getting stuck on a woy woy stopper when you parked at berowra. 3 hours lost getting back to the car quickly makes you say bugger it i'll drive. Build the bloody wyong town centre upgrade already. Stop stalling the wyong electorate and show the real money for the shelf ready project which actually includes a sustainable parking strategy. Build the damn thing now.

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