COMMUTER CAR PARKING IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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Regarding Terms of reference item (a) The effectiveness of current state government policies and programs covering commuter car parking. The current policy allows local suburban streets to be used as commuter car parks. This is illustrated by the situation at Thirroul where all the local streets near the Thirroul Train Station are fully parked out by commuters despite the new commuter car park in Church St Thirroul, which is only a 4 minute walk to the train station, consistently having about 100 empty spaces. This results in the local residents not being able to find a car park for a short term to do some shopping etc. George St, Phillip St, Railway Parade and Station St within about 100 meters of the train station are always full of commuter vehicles. I realise that the management of parking in suburban streets is under the control of Wollongong City Council, however the policy set by the State Government in establishing the train timetables and associated commuter car parking is clearly inadequate as exemplified by the current situation at Thirroul.