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## **COMMUTER CAR PARKING IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

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I live close to the Artarmon railway station. It is no more than a few minutes walk away. At a meeting with Willoughby Council traffic officers in recent years, we were told that every residential street within 15 minutes walking distance of every railway station on the north shore, is always full of commuters parked cars. Our street is no different. From Monday morning to Friday afternoon, it is very difficult to find a parking space in Muttama Road, especially the southern block from Coree Road to Elizabeth Street corner. We have several instances of people leaving their car parked in the street for weeks on end, presumably when they are on leave. It is cheaper to park here for no charge and take the train to the airport than to park at the airport. On some of these occasions, after one to two weeks have elapsed, residents have contacted our local council to see if the car had been dumped. On each occasion we have been informed that the car in question has up to date registration. Our street is like many others in that there is only one lane open for through traffic travelling in both directions, after each side is parked out. This is the situation which caused me to narrowly avoid a head-on collision with an oncoming car which was travelling too fast over the hill to pull up. Fortunately, I had just come into the street from Coree Road and I was still moving slowly so could quickly move into a space in and alongside a neighbour's driveway. I wrenched the wheel to get out of the way of the speeding oncoming car. In doing so I suffered a torn rotator cuff tendon, which is constantly painful preventing me from lying down at night. After not responding to months of treatment, I required surgery to repair it. I have been in a sling for two months and have more weeks ahead of me yet. I will be needing physiotherapy for many months to come. My near collision is a situation which others in our street have narrowly avoided. Despite requesting that the street be made ONE WAY [which would reduce the danger by 50% especially for those of us who live near and top of the hill], we have not been able to get a resolution to our problem. And the problem is directly due to our proximity to the railway station.