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COMMUTER CAR PARKING IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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The parking situation at schofields is really bad and is going to get worse. For those of us who are working parents and have to drop our kids at day care we have to park a good 15 mins Away from the train station.

Below is my response to State member for Riverstone on the situation:

As you state that you will look into getting additional bus services but I feel that this does not resolve the issue for 2 very simple reasons:

- 1) As a parent I have to drop off my child at day care and then go to work. How does the bus service help me? Day care around the Ponds only open at 7.30 and as you must be aware all are operating at max capacity. Should I take a bus go and drop my child and pray for a return bus to the train station. There is no bus stop near the day care. Where is the practicality of this solution for working parents?
- 2) additional bus services must align with train timetables for return as well - most people I know are hesitant to use a bus as they have to wait 15-20 mins on return. They would rather get to work early and get back on time. No one has that time in the evening to waste around waiting for a late or sometimes non-existent bus.

As a user of the bus service in the past I know I have waited 20 mins in the morning to get a bus and up to 45 mins in the evening. My wife uses the morning bus which is scheduled for 6.59 but never comes on time. If anything we end up with 2 buses at 7.09 from Ridgeline stop which means that no one can catch the 7.20 express to the city.

60 Parkings is a drop in the ocean - have you ever visited Burkedin road or pelican road after 7.30 to see what parking is Available? The demand is more than supply and putting only 60 does not help - it makes it worse as where you are building is where people park.

The state government should look at addressing this as with the current development at schofields, box hill and riverstone the situation will not get better. If anything we would end up with a worse situation and people might be forced to drive to work.

Even if you put up more bus services how will you promote people to take the bus? The state government needs to engage with the residents and get the message across.

Regards, Pritpal