

**Submission
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COMMUTER CAR PARKING IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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I would like to express my frustration and dissatisfaction around the availability of parking surrounding my local train stations, especially Schofields. I built a house in The Ponds 1.5 years ago and have to commute to Strathfields for work. The amount of parking available in the surrounding of Schofields station is simply inadequate. This greatly impacts my health, personal safety and financial situation. In order to ensure I find a parking spot, I have to make sure I arrive at the station prior to 6.45am after what no parking is available. I therefore need to wake up a lot earlier than I need to simply to make sure I find a place to park. It also means, I need to enroll my son to pre-school. At 6.45am, the last parking spot available is located 850m away from the station (11 minutes walk) along a street with no lighting making it very unsafe when returning at night. Also, I would estimate the amount of cars parked in dedicated parking lots to represent only 25% of the total amount of cars. 75% of the cars are actually parked alongside the road, on back streets, on un-sealed roads making it extremely unsafe.

I have experienced this issue since I moved in the area and it is getting worse by the day. I simply cannot comprehend that the department of planning & environment is not planning on increasing the number of commuter car parks at Schofields station considering the expected growth. It is predicted that well over 20,000 new homes are to be built : Riverstone (9,000), Riverstone East (3,500), Alex Avenue (6,300).

Note that I am not evening adding in the numbers the 10,000 homes from Marsden Park. Yet, not a single car park is planned. As per the documentation from the department of planning & environment (<http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/riverstone>) "local amenities" will be delivered consisting in : primary schools, neighbourhood centres, services hub, roads... not a single parking!!

I would simply suggest heading to Google maps and seeing for yourself:
<https://www.google.com.au/maps/dir/-33.7109848,150.8774991/-33.7043664,150.8741113/@-33.7066558,150.875315,795m/data=!3m1!1e3!4m2!4m1!3e2> You will see all the cars parked along Railway Terrace and Pelican Road. Feel free to contact me should you need any further details.