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COMMUTER CAR PARKING IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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I have lived in Schofields, all of my 52 years and have never been so disappointed with what is happening with our town. The lack of car parking at the new Schofields Station is appalling. Cars are lined up to 2 km in every direction along the side of the roads. Very dangerous situation for everyone. Especially for any young women that need to walk to their car in the dark. This will only get worse, once the new developments start getting established. I am really wondering how they will resolve this issue. Western Sydney has always been put on the backburner and no consideration for the residents. The old Schofields Station should never have been removed. This could have been left there too, like in Richmond, NSW, there are 2 stations also. It would have reduced the parking issue also. At present, many residents of Schofields that previously walked to the station now also have to drive. There is also no consideration for pedestrians that want to walk to new station from the town, as they will have to cross a very busy road, once the new under-rail road is built. At present the pedestrian walkway is dodgy to say the least. My young daughter, at one stage was working in the city and had to catch the train. She also drove to the station, with all of the above problems. She wrote a letter to some charming person, in the State Government department, who replied and told her she should just catch a bus to the station. So not only does she she have the 1 hr 15 min train ride to the city, she could also add on extra time and fares for bus travel to the station.