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COMMUTER CAR PARKING IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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There is a desperate need of a parking station at Schofields Railway Station. I have been a happy resident of the old residential area of Schofields for 32 years. AND I confess I loved living in the old Schofields. We had a 5 minute walk to the station. The area was open and rural.

Just prior to the old station being relocated, I noticed people sitting on deckchairs with clip boards. I assume they were numbering people arriving at the old station. At that time Rouse Hill was beginning and parking around the old station was increasing.

Fast forward the new station ----- Our 5 minute walk to the station is now a 20 minute BRISK walk ----- One has to add a half hour to the outward journey if one plans to walk to station and the same for the return. Consequently one needs to have a lift to the station or drive (if no free family member or neighbour to assist) AND PARK. THE BUS SERVICE does not coincide with train arrivals. I have witnessed the bus leaving the station as the train from the city pulls into the platform, not yet stopped.

Another phenomena is that train journeys begin at Schofields now, so I know Riverstone people who have driven to Schofields to join those services. ALREADY the parking increased, let alone the new residents AND they have not all moved in yet!!!!!!

I see advertising "walk to station..." Schofields' temperature can hit 40' plus in summer! The developers have cleared so many trees and packed the area with roads and housing with very little green spaces, even the building blocks will not be able to have trees planted on. The walk home will be long and hot, human nature will have its way.....drive to the station. WHERE WILL THEY PARK?

Have you come week days to see the parking? AND EVERYONE HAS NOT MOVED IN YET!!!

Yours sincerely Carol Kotlar