

**Submission
No 61**

COMMUTER CAR PARKING IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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Dear Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission in regard to commuter car parking. Even though commuter parking is provided at Seven Hills Station I am finding it increasingly difficult to find parking at the adjacent Seven Hills Plaza shopping centre.

For a brief period of time Centre Management implemented a 4 hour parking limit with fines imposed for those who overstayed their visit. Unfortunately Centre Management were requested by Council to remove these restrictions and overnight the rail commuters returned to the car park. This makes it very difficult during busy periods to find parking for shoppers. It seems unfair that commuters park at the Plaza for the security, undercover parking, convenience to the shops as they travel to and from work and easy access to the station and as a result cause parking problems for shoppers.

Seven Hills Rail Station is a very busy Station due to the availability of express trains into the City. Commuters drive to the station from the surrounding suburbs of Kings Langley, Lalor Park, Winston Hills and Baulkham Hills and including suburbs like Toongabbie which has its own station but does not have express services available.

We even have friends who drive from Castle Hill to travel into the City via Seven Hills Station as the trip on the train is quicker than their bus services into the City. With the creation of new suburb at Pemulwuy and the opening up of Clunies Ross Street commuters from this area are driving across to Seven Hills to access fast rail services into the City. This also adds to the volume of traffic on the local road network. As the suburb of Seven Hills grows with the construction of high rise units and the many granny flat developments being permitted by Blacktown Council the crowded parking situation will only become worse as will the increased traffic volumes on residential roads.

People need to get to the Station and cars are quickest and easiest and most convenient option.

Thank you