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COMMUTER CAR PARKING IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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Commuter Parking is a major issue in North West Sydney particularly at Schoolchild station where it has reached chronic proportions.

This station was relocated to a new green-fill site but with an incredible lack of foresight when it came to parking, local resident usage has long surpassed available parking within a reasonable distance of the station. There are many thousands of new houses being built with no end in sight, The Ponds, Schofields, Marsden Park Colabee are just a few areas which continue to add commuter numbers. This station desperately needs a large number of parking spaces added ASAP close to the station and needs to be done now before all available surrounding land is taken.

There are more people being picked up and dropped off which is good but this is now causing congestion at the roundabout as too many cars are trying to enter the drop off zone this then causes gridlock and anger around the station.

The governments are always encouraging people to use public transport but for this to happen it needs to be convenient.

If you are being asked to first drive to a station then walk a long distance to the train wait for a train, stand all the way to the City, it is not convenient.

If you decide to walk to the nearest bus stop, catch a bus, then wait for the connecting train, which all together takes 1hr 30mins, again its not convenient.

The situation has become so chronic that there are people parking in any space they can find (not causing any danger but not strictly league) and are being fined, there is no sense of reason or fairness given the situation.

The Norwest light rail is coming which will help but does not offer the same service as the main line. Also there is much development around that site which will im sure fill up the planned parking.

In conclusion it was incredibly bad planning to have allocated the current parking spaces when at least DOUBLE is what is actually needed, I propose that while there is road works being carried out at present there should also be a greater number of parking spaces added now before everything has to be redone.

I look forward to your response.

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