

**Submission
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COMMUTER CAR PARKING IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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Central Coast Council – Submission into commuter car parking in NSW

This submission proposes to develop a Tri-party agreement with transport NSW/State Rail, RMS and Council to develop a short term and long term commuter car parking transport plan for the Central Coast region of NSW.

Central Coast Council has identified the long term economic and urban growth corridors and propose a transport infrastructure plan to support the main urban release areas development and strategy to increase community use of public rail and bus transport within the Central Coast and for the end to end day trips to Sydney city.

The three identified key local rail transportation hubs in the Central Coast northern growth region are:

- Warnervale
- Tuggerah
- Ourimbah

These northern local transportation hubs will support the Central Coast main transport interchange hub to be developed at Gosford.

Benefits of an integrated Central Coast northern region commuter car parking and synchronised rail, bus and taxi transport plan are:

- Reduction of traffic congestion on
 - Local Roads and Freeways within the Central Coast
 - Inbound and outbound daily commuter congestion to and from the Sydney Freeway and Motorway system.



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Process for selected the location of commuter car parks

Central Coast Council has identified the long term economic and urban growth corridors and propose a transport infrastructure plan to support the main urban release areas, with the following short term and long term proposals:

Short term Tri-party agreement

Central Coast Council proposes to engage and develop a Tri-party agreement with transport NSW/State Rail, RMS and Council, to identify and secure additional Crown Land to be transferred to Council ownership for the joint development of:

1. Three (3) new multi deck car parks with funding grants for:
 - The Central Coast northern regional economic development corridor serving the population growth areas of:
 - Warnervale
 - Tuggerah
 - Ourimbah
 - Synchronise improved local "first mile / last mile" travel to the local rail hubs via new multi deck car parks
2. One (1) new multi deck car park with funding grants for:
 - Gosford Railway station

Long term Tri-party agreement

- Redevelop One (1) main transport interchange / Hub for the Central Coast at Gosford
- Integrate the Main Rail increased Express commuter "point to point" travel by rail from Gosford to Sydney city.
- Synchronise improved local rail timetables from increased trips from local rail hubs at Warnervale, Tuggerah, Ourimbah to Gosford as the main transport interchange.
- Synchronise improved local "first mile / last mile" travel to the main transport interchange hubs with:
 - New and increased bus time tables from Gosford to local community suburbs, synchronised to the increased Express rail timetable between Gosford and Sydney city.
 - New multi deck car parks around the existing Gosford Railway station and redeveloping the two (2) existing council and state rail carparks.
 - New Bus interchange at Gosford Station.
 - New Taxi interchange at Gosford Station.
- Develop a Central Coast "On-Line" App integrating Opal customers to include:
 - Car parking, Rail, Bus payments
 - Car parking space availability
 - Synchronised additional Bus and Rail timetables



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1. Long Term staged development of the Three (3) new local transportation hubs at
 - Warnervale
 - Tuggerah
 - Ourimbahinto a new Express Train Timetable directly to Sydney city:
 - Improving the "point to point" timetable between Northern Central Coast and Sydney City for peak hour commuters.
 - Synchronised additional express Rail timetables to local Bus timetables with commuter car parking space availability, via the new Central Coast "On-Line" App.

Factors to encourage use of public transport

The Central Coast has a geographically diverse topography, with regional urban growth corridors separated between the mountains, lakes and coast line, resulting in an increased usage of private vehicles due to the restrictions of the public transport systems.

Factors to encourage of the use of public transport on the Central Coast, both internally of the region and to Sydney city, rely on:

- Efficient "First mile / last mile" travel by public transport for:
 - Increased Public Bus timetables to rail stations with synchronised timetables.
 - Increased convenient public carparking at transportation nodes.
 - Increased Express Rail timetables from the Central Coast to Sydney city.
- Benchmarking the public transportation system travel time to:
 - "Point to point" travel time equal to the travel time by private vehicle.
 - Increased safety for after hours commuters on the train and at transportation nodes.

Experience of commuter use car parking

Currently, the experience of the Central Coast community has been that there is a significant lack of public car commuter parking spaces at the railway stations to cater for the current demand of the Sydney inbound workforce. Additional concerns are with the rail timetabling to achieve a "point to point" travel journey that is equal to, or less than the travel time compared to the use of private vehicle journey direct to the Sydney city.

Potential for restricted access for rail passengers at railway stations is possible if sufficient Gosford CBD parking stations are developed for user pay car parking.





Innovative solutions for improvements

- Synchronised additional express Rail timetables to local Bus timetables with commuter car parking space availability, via the new Central Coast "On-Line" App
- Improved perception of public transport safety from point to point travel by introducing
 - Smart lighting linked to rail and bus timetable to automatically increase the levels of lighting on stations, bus waiting areas, pedestrian streets
 - Visibly active CCTV systems and real time screens showing streets and waiting area at these transportation hubs
 - Increased Security presence linked to the new transportation timetables

In summary, the solutions to the commuter parking problems are not as simple as increasing the number of car parks in the Gosford CBD. The solution is much broader, there needs to be an agreement between the three (3) major stakeholders: RMS, Transport for NSW/State Rail and Central Coast Council with provision of funding from State Government.

