

**Submission
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COMMUTER CAR PARKING IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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Dear Colleagues,

RE: Inquiry into commuter car parking

Please find attached my submission.

I have raised concerns regarding the lack of co-ordinated planning for commuter car parking across the departments responsible for road and rail transport and local government.

I have also noted concerns about planning for security around car parks.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'David Mehan'.

David Mehan
Member for The Entrance

Attached: Submission

**Submission by David Mehan MP
Member for The Entrance**

Commuter Car Parking in NSW

The lack of adequate commuter car parking is most often the consequence of failing to plan for adequate parking.

Lack of adequate planning is the most serious deficiency in our transport system which operates in a linear fashion and usually around a single mode of transport.

For example:

Gosford Station: The Central Coast Regional Plan nominates Gosford as the regional capital and nominates a number of actions to grow and improve the city however; parking is not one of them despite Gosford Station being the busiest on the Coast.

Pacific Highway widening through Lisarow: The widening of the road corridor at Lisarow Station results in the loss of a large number of commuter car parks which currently use the existing Pacific Highway for parking. The draft road widening plan contains no provision for better access to Lisarow station or to make good on the parking lost as a result of the widening. The planning here is focused on road widening with no regard to impacts outside the road corridor.

Tuggerah Station: The Central Coast Regional Plan and local Transport Plan fail to acknowledge the importance of Tuggerah Station as a growing transport hub. Existing parking is at capacity and station access is restricted due to a lack of lifts.

Access and amenity of railway station also requires suitable security arrangements particularly for areas such as the Central Coast with a large commuter population which leaves vehicles at commuter car parks unattended for 12 hours or more each day: <http://www.nbnnews.com.au/2017/07/17/five-cars-broken-into-at-lisarow-train-station/>

Suggested improvements:

1. Transport planning must be better integrated across the different transport modes.
2. Rail planning should include planning around station access as well as system capacity.
3. State Transport planners need to better co-ordinate planning with local government authorities to ensure sufficient land is reserved for transport corridors and station growth.

4. Remote commuter car parking should be considered as an option for some areas. In relation to the Central Coast, an opportunity exists, I think, to establish a remote commuter park in the vicinity of the EDSACC sports grounds (which have a large parking area little used during the working week) at Bateau Bay with express buses running to Tuggerah Station.
5. Commuter car parks should have adequate security arrangements in place to improve amenity and safety around railway stations.