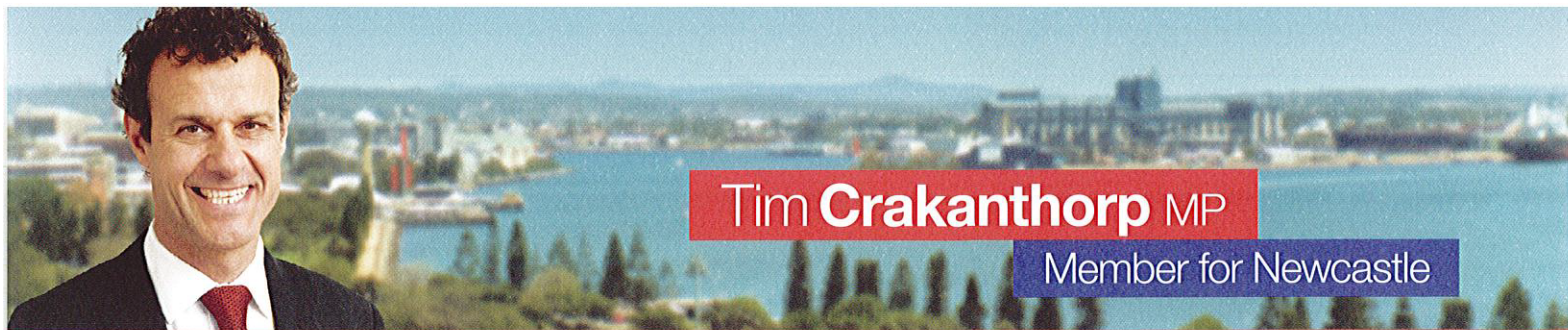


COMMUTER CAR PARKING IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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Legislative Assembly Committee on Transport and Infrastructure
Inquiry into Commuter Car Parking in New South Wales
Via email - transportinfrastructure@parliament.nsw.gov.au

Dear Chair

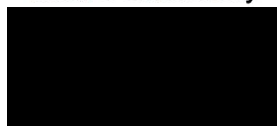
The lack of parking in the Newcastle CBD and surrounding suburbs is one of the most frequent issues raised with me by residents in the Newcastle electorate, particularly the insufficient parking at the Stockton Ferry Wharf.

'Park and ride' facilities are an important part of the integrated transport network I want to see delivered for the people of Newcastle. The lack of available parking at the Ferry Wharf makes 'park and ride' difficult and discourages residents from using public transport especially the elderly, young families and people with mobility issues.

I have received the enclosed correspondence regarding commuter parking in NSW.

I ask that they be considered as submissions to the Inquiry into Commuter Car Parking in New South Wales.

Yours sincerely



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Submission re Stockton Ferry Commuter Car Parking.

The problem with car parking at the Stockton Ferry Wharf has been exacerbated over the past few years by the influx of people from housing developments north of Stockton. That is, Palm Lakes, the Cove, Bay Way and the Fern Bay Seaside subdivision, not to mention people from Medowie and further north, using the ferry. These people choose to use the Stockton Ferry rather than face the problems associated with the parking in Newcastle.

There are two obvious solutions to overcome this problem and are as follows:

1. Provide an extension of the ferry service to a wharf located on North Stockton to accommodate people from the northern areas, thus alleviating some of the congestion to vehicle parking at the existing Ferry Wharf, and
2. Extend the existing car parking area at the current Ferry Wharf to provide additional parking to allow for future growth.

Please accept this proposal as a positive solution to a growing problem.

BL & VI Fensom



From: Deirdre Hough [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, 30 July 2017 9:00 AM
To: ElectorateOffice Newcastle
Subject: Lack of Parking Stockton ferry wharf and Newcastle city

I would like to add my voice to the growing concern about lack of parking at Stockton ferry wharf and in the city centre of Newcastle. At times it is simply impossible to park anywhere suitable in both locations. With the government encouraging people to park and catch public transport, parking needs to be provided - for Stockton residents travelling after 7:30 am the car park is already full. This simply encourages those working in the city centre to then drive around to Newcastle in an attempt to find a park.

This matter is urgent and even more so now as the new University campus creates additional parking issues for those students who do not have bikes (the vast majority) and those who do not have adequate public transport options (many students).

When will the government begin listening to those who elected them?

Cheers Deirdre

From: BigPond [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 31 July 2017 10:57 AM
To: ElectorateOffice Newcastle
Subject: Parking

Hi Tim. Just a short note on parking at Newcastle and Suburbs.

Anyone who thinks that there is no shortage of parking must have been looking at 4 am on Sunday morning. At Stockton on weekday mornings, one might have to walk up to half a km from parking to ferry. With the big increase in population north of Stockton the car park should be doubled in size. Very lucky there is plenty of land to enable this to be done.

Regards Garth E O Martin

27-7-2017

Hi Tim,

I have written down a thought or two regarding parking in Newcastle.

- ① Parking for northern residents.
a extension to Stockton ferry wharf parking required. at least a further 300 parking spots required. Griffith park eastern side could be developed.

In view of proposed western side playground. Additional parking will be required for patrons of this area.

b Old Royal Hotel site could also be developed as car parking currently. parking is in streets surrounding Griffith park and WC. parking area.

- c Extension of ferry services as was promised after rail services was terminated 2½ years ago.

This ferry extension of services was to include. Pilot station, Queens wharf, Honeycuckle, Wickham Carrington and possibly North Stockton and Stockton.

In the interim a bus service would need to operate, with set down to Wickham interchange

Hope some of this can be taken for your consideration

D. M. Cooke.

27-7-2017

Tim,
(2) Some ideas for Western commuters.

Parking could be made at.
McDonald Jones stadium.
Newcastle Trotting Track

a Shuttle bus service from above into
to Wickham interchange.

b later to pick up light rail into the
city

c In the interim period Shuttle buses
could run up Hunter St. With
set down points. Courthouse, university
Council chambers, Town Hall, Medical
services, solicitors and many other
houses of business. This service could
terminate at Newcastle railway
station

A return service to the parking
venues. As per design outcomes.

This would limit parking required
in the city. Allowing parking for
city residents, and limited parking
for others.

D. M. Clarke.

Tim,
③ Southern side residents

a Parking could be set up
at Empire park. with shuttle
services to Wickham interchange
in the interim a shuttle service
could run to Newcastle station
with set down points from Wickham
to Newcastle railway station

b Another venue which lends itself
to major parking Newcastle raceway.
again shuttle service to Wickham
interchange. In the interim a
shuttle service with set downs at
all the major stop locations

c This service could be modified
to suit patron of the service

There are other alternatives
which need investigation.

This parking arrangement could
also work for major city events
including Supercars.

I hope some of these ideas can
be considered investigated and
modified to get the best outcome.

Thank you for this opportunity
Dm'losh

27-7-17

Mr. Brakenthorp

Thank you for your letter regarding car parks. My concern is Stockton Ferry Wharf.

I love to go to Newcastle via the Ferry to support our local shops & have a coffee or lunch. Due to parking I don't do it as often because it takes so long to find a park (if at all). It's sad to see everything going to Sydney instead of Newcastle. After all we are a City

Yours Sincerely

AM Hall (Audrey 83 yrs)

I do hope some progress is made.

Commuter Car Parking – Newcastle

Ferry Terminal Stockton

Increasing the size of the Stockton Ferry car park is one, not the best, answer to car parking problems at the Stockton ferry terminal because it removes valuable and useful public land.

Until recently the Stockton Ferry car park provided sufficient car parking, it is only because of development North of Stockton that its capacity has been exceeded.

Development between Stockton and Nelson Bay there has caused an increase in commuter traffic, this increase will continue and with this increase a growing demand for parking at the ferry terminal. Other changes in the area and their effects should be considered.

The new Newcastle railway terminal at Wickham is nearing completion; the Stockton Ferry will be extended to Wickham.

The passenger capacity of Newcastle airport is to be increased with an international terminal.

Stockton offers the opportunity to provide a location from which the city and the railway can be easily accessed but a major car park near the ferry terminal is not the answer.

All the increased traffic is coming from North of Stockton and the provision of a parking area North of Stockton, on the Nelson Bay road a very frequent public transport from this car park to the ferry. Frequent transport service would be necessary and could be provided by using something like UBER.

Existing public transport to and from the airport is inadequate to serve the increasing number of passengers. Regular transport from the airport to the ferry would provide good access to the city centre and to Wickham Railway Station.

There is little doubt that development between Nelson Bay and Newcastle will continue and this will demand a good public transport system. Although the time is not yet, a light rail from Nelson Bay via the airport will be a solution. The cost of light rail infrastructure is high can be obtained from the increase in the value of land created by change of use. Plans for the future need to be made now.

Robert Wilce,

To whom it may concern

The parking at Stockton Ferry Wharf is inadequate for the growing community.

Any Newcastle councillor who claims otherwise is out of touch with the ratepayers of the northside community and certainly doesn't use the ferry service.

Newcastle Council has spent a lot of money on the marina parking at north Stockton for the benefit of fishermen who for the most part are not local residents but can't spend money accommodating commuters who wish to use the public transport services.

As a disability parking permit holder I wrote to the Newcastle Council regarding this matter last year and was sent a reply saying there is plenty of parking in the adjacent streets !

I am sure the residents of those streets are thrilled with that solution.

Mr Crakanthorp I hope you have success in getting the relevant committee to agree to a hearing which hopefully would bring about some much needed changes.

Yours Sincerely

Elizabeth Mason