

**Submission
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COMMUTER CAR PARKING IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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Dear members,

I live on the Central Coast and my closest railway station is at Gosford.

Distance (time) from home to: dedicated rail carpark 11.9 km (19 + 5 = 24 mins), filled by 0630 weekdays.

Kibbleplex 12 + 0.7 km walk (19 + 10 = 29 mins), filled by 1030 weekdays.

Teramia Pl. Gosford 11.4 + 0.6 km walk (18 + 9 = 27 mins), filled by 1050 weekdays.

Henry Parry Dr. Gosford, top of hill 11.6 + 0.67 km walk (19 + 9'40" = 28 min 40 sec)

With imminent closure of Kibbleplex, opening of ATO and expansion of Gosford hospital, all day parking is constantly being removed by CCC and NSW Govt. planning decisions which have repeatedly failed to take into account the knock on effect onto CC commuters, who make up over 25% of employed population of CC (.id 2011).

When & how many commuter car-parking spaces is Cityrail going to provide for increased numbers of passengers from regional areas?

Frequency of inward bus services weekdays (time front door to bus stop thence to railway): 0645 first (34 min), 0657 (36 min), 0705 (30 min), 0727 (36 min), 0735 (37 min), 0744 (37 min), 0756 (35 min), 0806 (35 min), 0810 (41 min), 0815 (43 min), 0834 (36 min), 0854 (31 min), 0900 (36 min), 0910 (33 min), 1001 (30 min), then approx. hourly until 1659 (33 min), then 1814 (30 min), ceases 1955 (38 min).

Outward departures cease at 2235 (46 min).

In light of meeting Australia's reduction in Carbon dioxide emissions as agreed to at COP21 in Paris in 2016, it is imperative to reduce our population's reliance on motor vehicle transport. The cheapest and most efficient way of doing this is through increased use of public transport, the most efficient being heavy rail. To do this, intercity commuters must be provided with adequate facilities to enable them to park easily, close to railway nodes, particularly regional nodes such as Gosford, to enable them to utilise this valuable service.

Yours in desperation,

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