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Public Transport Solutions – Part 2: Passenger Services

The comfort and safety of public transport commuters in the Camden Electorate has been largely overlooked by successive NSW State Governments. Whilst the population significantly increases, to a forecast **233,299 in 2036**, our public transport options and services are continually found wanting.

The NSW Premier is on record saying that the initially delivered car parking arrangements at Leppington were adequate and “We based that on what we thought would be the population...”, showing just how out of touch the NSW State Government is to our requirements.

This set of proposals, together with those I have highlighted previously, will significantly relieve the frustration that commuters in the electorate experience daily.

1. Leppington Train Station Carpark:

There are approximately seventeen (17) acres of NSW Government owned land immediately surrounding the station that could be used to substantially solve the short-term parking crisis, as previously raised with the NSW Government by members of the community, including the Independent Candidate for Liverpool, Michael Andjelkovic.

Public records indicate this land could yield **nearly 2000 additional temporary spaces** for minimal cost, with probable little delay. Why has this land not been utilised?

Multi-storey carparks have been built or proposed for other rail station locations in Sydney.

Why has the previously promised carpark at Campbelltown not been built, and why is a multi-storey carpark not being fast tracked at Leppington?

2. Express Bus Routes:

There are currently a few direct bus routes servicing parts of the Electorate, however both new and some old estates have been left to languish with sub optimal travel times.

Implementing a series of express bus routes from key locations (with all day car parking provided) more directly to train stations would encourage public transport use, reduce the amount of car parking required at train stations, and reduce the number of cars on arterial roads in peak hour.

Why is it that no bus service utilises the Macarthur Bridge, extending travel time and clogging local roads?

Quotes – attributed to Andrew Simpson – Independent for Camden, NSW State Election 2019

- “Why can we not get the basics right such as supplying the required number of carparking spaces when facilities are built? This pertains not just to train stations, but also to safe access for hospitals and schools, and the delivery of core services such as public transport and roads.”
- “Why are we still engaged in splashes of cash, egotistical battles and one-upmanship between the Parties only at Election time?”
- “Why in the 21st century are we still having conversations about air-conditioning on trains? This should be a requirement, not a bargaining chip.”

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