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I fully support the construction of the Railway, however, as the street in which I live comes off Franklin Road, my concern is the traffic flow and problems that will eventuate when the Cherrybrook station is operational. At the Castle Hill information seminar last week I had the opportunity to talk with a resident from another suburb who said he would drive to Cherrybrook to catch the train as there was no parking at the station near where he lived. When the original plan was for a 950 carpark it was said at previous meetings by residents that Cherrybrook would be the better station to drive to as it was the only station on the underground section of the line that was not in a retail or commercial precinct.

That being the feeling of commuters the pressure on the traffic flow along Franklin road would increase dramatically. I appreciate that since then the station's position has been moved but car spaces have been reduced considerable to now 400 but this will do little to change the pressure on Franklin Road with the added volume to come.

At the moment Franklin Road is the home for Tangara School, Inala School, and the Inala Adult education centre, all whose access by car is from Franklin Road. The present situation in the morning and afternoon school peak hours traffic is chaotic and coupled with this is the parking of students and/or teachers cars in Franklin Rd during school hours which makes it necessary when leaving our street to have to cross over to the wrong side of the road if you are heading north towards Neale Ave or Johns Road. The traffic at times comes to a standstill to enable cars to pass one another.

This can only get worse when the rail commuters are added to the equation. It would seem reasonable that Franklin Road should be widened to a least 4 lanes with restricted parking on the western side of the road to allow a free flow of traffic and to ease the already evident congestion in the area that the residents are now putting up with at these peak times.

Thankyou for the opportunity to make comment and I trust that some consideration will be given to my suggestion.