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**Subject:** Rector Infrastructure Project

Re: Application no. SSI-5414 for the Northwest Rail Link - in particular for the Showground station off Carrington Road.

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are the property owners and residents of 24 Ashford Ave Castle Hill nsw 2154.

We agree to a station in our area. We actually thought the decision was to move it to the end of Carrington/Victoria Ave (to be further) but that is not the case.

We are now concerned about the over spill of cars into our quiet leafy street. We envisage people who have learnt that they can drive and park in our street will do so; for it would be only ~5minute walk to the station. It takes us ~that long to walk from our house to the end of the street. We believe train commuters would not mind doing that; instead of driving up and around in the carpark proposed looking for a space; then having to walk down to the train. Ashford Ave may in fact be a more efficient place to park a car.

When cars are parked on both opposite side of the street in our street, the road remaining that can be driven on becomes as narrow as eastern suburbs or newtown roads - where one car would have to wait for the opposite coming car to pass, before continuing to drive on the road.

We are against therefore cars being parked in our street for people who wish to use the train to go for hours somewhere e.g. to work. We image such cars parked on our street every day and ALL day.

The congestion therefore in our street will cause grief to us residents; in particular to us who use a box trailer; where it will be harder to turn.

If cars are parked on our street, how can the garbage man pass by to empty our bins??

A school bus or the like uses our street off Carrington Rd to travel onto Middleton, for after school drop offs. If cars were to park on both sides on the street; how will the bus get through? We Imagine it coming down the road, and when I have to drive down after collecting my children; I would have to stand on Middleton Ave roundabout until it passes through our street, for me to get in to go to my house.

We have lived on busy Mowbray rd 11 years ago. We purchased to live on this street for its large part-acreage blocks and for access to the agricultural aspect of the suburb like the Showground. If this project allows cars to park on our street - well, we have been failed; and we would be going back to a Mowbray road congestion.

What about our house prices? Would a congested street add to the property price or diminish it? Will we get compensation for that margin of loss by the government?

We wish parking signs be erected to allow for 1-2 hours parking only; to deter people who wish to park their car on our street for all day and every day.

We also do not understand why the project is allowing the Doran drive access to become busy with street lights. Why cannot the access points be off Showground road? We are aware that one will occur behind the council chamber to link up to Doran drive. Why cannot a road from the Industrial side be opened (i.e. around the RTA and deeper) to get to the train parking; so that Doran Drive remains quiet; or is closed off as a 'direct' access only to the Showground for e.g. to go recreate; or when you have to perform at the show; that street becomes the main access to enter the Showground. And maybe an overpass be built over Doran drive from the new road that is to be built to access the train's car park, from Showground Road?

We are also concerned that Doran Drive to have a street light intersection and business there, will increase the risk of passengers from other suburbs, hopping off the train there, and walking to the closest streets- which Ashford ave is one of them; to snoop to maybe break in and steal; or be drunk and walk on streets and cause damage.

We already have drunks walk through our street from the Tavern on Victoria ave; who have left food scraps and alcohol bottles along the street; on our drive way; in trees at the front of houses. We believe that this occurrence will increase if Doran Drive /Carrington Road becomes a major entry-exit point to the train station. We even had twice our letterbox been pulled out and moved for fun. We have left it as they damaged it; for when we put more cement to keep it in the ground; they pulled it up.

We also ask how much noise will be heard from our house with an active train? Also, will Carrington rd become more busy with that Doran drive entrance; so we residents will have to access other roads to get home? I access Carrington rd from Victoria ave and then Middleton road to get home from work. I envisage I will have to drive further and more kilometers to get home because of greater congestion there.

Can our above concerns -especially the parking on our street be strongly considered. Please may our street remain quiet and pretty; and not congested and busy. Please.

Yours sincerely

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If you wish to speak with us, you can contact Michael on 0419015022