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Re: Edmondson Park South Concept Approval (MP10_0118 MOD 8)

Dear Commissioner,

I refer to the above matter and make the following comments opposing the proposed reduction in car parking rates. I have grave concerns the reduction in parking rates will exacerbate the parking crisis that already exists in Edmondson Park.

My constituents have been severely let down by the Liberal Government's failure to provide adequate infrastructure in Edmondson Park. A decision to reduce car parking rates will further corrode public trust in the planning system and greatly impact residents' quality of life in and around the town centre.

I question the Department's assessment that reducing car parking provisions for developments close to train stations will automatically result in active travel and the use of public transport.

Whilst this may be true in relation to the commute to and from work, the Department's assessment fails to acknowledge the fact local residents would be car-dependent for social, recreational and sporting purposes, particularly on weekends.

Reducing the car parking rates in the Edmondson Park Town Centre will inevitably result in tenants and owners seeking on-street parking. The car-lined streets around high-rise development in the Campbelltown and Liverpool CBDs are evidence of this fact.

I also note that the Department's assessment refers to feedback provided to the proponent by purchasers of two-bedroom apartments that they "did not require a second car space". The same cannot be said for future owners or tenants of those apartments so it would be ludicrous to make a planning decision based on anecdotal feedback provided by the proponent of this application.

I encourage panel members to visit Edmondson Park and see first-hand the untenable parking situation facing local residents every day. Approving the Edmondson Park South Concept Approval (MP10_0118 MOD 8) will only exacerbate the area's parking crisis.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Anoulack Chanthivong', with a flourish at the end.

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