



Friday, 10 September 2021

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Acting Committee Secretary
Submitted via online submission

Attention: Senate Finance and Public Administration References Committee

**RE: F&PA REFERENCES COMMITTEE - INVITATION TO MAKE A SUBMISSION
- URBAN CONGESTION FUND (UCF) INQUIRY**

Hume City Council received an email from the Senate Finance and Public Administration References Committee dated 20 August 2021 in relation to the administration and expenditure of funding under the Urban Congestion Fund (UCF).

The committee requests specific information in relation to commitments and/or funding received in Hume City under the Urban Congestion Fund, with specific reference to the National Commuter Car Parking Fund (CCPF). Council provides the below information in relation to the Craigieburn Railway Station commuter car parking upgrade.

Where in your LGA's transport and strategic planning frameworks were commuter car parks identified as priority infrastructure, and any documents which detail the priority given;

Additional car parking at Craigieburn Railway Station was identified as an advocacy priority in [Hume City Council's Council Plan 2013-2017](#). Below is an example of the advocacy action as identified in [Hume City Council's Council Plan 2013-2017 \(2015/2016 Actions\)](#).

4.3 Strategic Objective: Create a connected community through efficient and effective walking, cycling, public transport and car networks

4.3.2 Communities are connected and business and employment options are enhanced through improvements to road infrastructure, traffic management and local parking

2015/2016 Action: Additional parking at Craigieburn Railway Station

Whether any carparks nominated for your LGA under the CC PF were inconsistent with or conflicted with your strategic planning frameworks;

As previously stated, parking at Craigieburn Railway Station was earmarked as an advocacy priority for Hume City.

Whether consultation was undertaken with your Council prior to any announcements of commitments under the CC PF

There was no consultation with Council prior to the Australian Government's publicly announcing funding.

Any other matters relevant to the above.

Prior to the announcement of Australian Government funding for parking at Craigieburn Railway Station in April 2019, the Victorian Government had announced car park funding for the same station in April 2018 via their [Car Parks for Commuters program](#).

Yours sincerely

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