

**Miletic, Daniel (REPS)**

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**From:** Pip Batten [pbatten@bigpond.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 6 August 2003 8:54 AM  
**To:** Committee, NCET (REPS)  
**Subject:** email about pay parking proposal

> Dear Sir  
> I wish to express my opposition to the pay parking proposal which is  
> currently the subject of an enquiry by JSCNCET.  
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> I work at the National Library of Australia and use my car to travel  
> to  
> work  
> from Queanbeyan. I am opposed to the proposal for a number of reasons:  
> 1) Inadequate public transport from Queanbeyan to Canberra  
> 2) Lack of facilities in the parliamentary triangle, no banks, post  
> office,  
> newsagency, chemist etc within walking distance which means a car is  
> required to get to any of these facilities in the lunch hour/after  
> work  
> 3) Cost for users of the Library - paid parking may be a deterrent for  
> users/visitors to the Library. (In spite of what the NCA says, I believe  
> the  
> parking at the Library is adequate at present.)  
> 4) Loss of flexibility - the Library has a significant number of  
> working mothers in its workforce who need their cars to pick up  
> children from daycare/schools. It will also affect part-time students  
> and staff working 12-8 pm shifts.  
> 5) Safety/security issues on public transport - as a woman, I am  
> concerned about working back late (even past 5 pm in winter) and  
> catching buses home after dark.  
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> M. Batten



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**From:** Ramesh.Perera@affa.gov.au  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 19 August 2003 9:01 AM  
**To:** Committee, NCET (REPS)  
**Subject:** pay parking

I would urge you to reconsider your position on pay parking. Parking is already very difficult around the parliamentary triangle. I am effectively forced to drive to work on account of the long/irregular hours required in my position and for most in government service (at least in this Department). The existing public transport system is appalling (I have tried it). It is expensive and does not allow me the flexibility that is required to do my job. Pay parking will obviously come at even a greater expense. I am all for public transport. I wish you would focus your energies on improving the bus service and introducing a light rail system rather than pushing hard working families to use an ineffective bus system through stealth, if indeed your motives are that honourable.

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**From:** Stephen.Rodda@affa.gov.au  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 19 August 2003 8:21 AM  
**To:** Committee, NCET (REPS)  
**Subject:** Pay Parking

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**Importance:** High

Dear Sir / Madam

I have no objection to pay parking in the parliamentary triangle ( I work in the Edmund Barton Building), as long as the ACT government can provide a decent transport alternative to me driving to work.

I've lived in large cities e.g Sydney, London, Montreal and in all cases it took considerably longer to drive to work as opposed to using public transport.

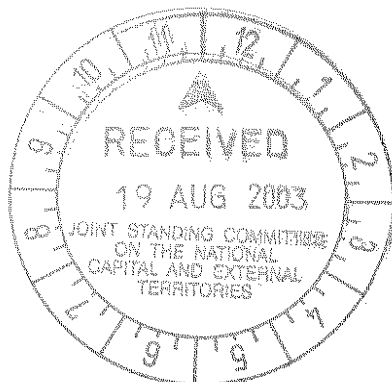
I am familiar with ACTION Buses and their accompanying timetables, and the fact is that to commute from Amaroo to Barton (having done this commute when my car has been serviced) on a bus can take anywhere from 50 minutes up to an 1 hour and 10 minutes.

By comparison for me to travel in by car takes 23 - 28 minutes!

On the basis of the time only and how that would impinge on my lifestyle, I believe that it is totally unfair for such a proposal to be given the go-ahead whilst no efficient transport alternative is available.

Regards

Stephen Rodda  
AQIS ACT



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**From:** Committee, NCET (REPS)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 19 August 2003 10:06 AM  
**To:** Clements, Quinton (REPS)  
**Cc:** Baker, Justin (REPS); Miletic, Daniel (REPS)  
**Subject:** FW: parking

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Laura.Fulton@affa.gov.au [mailto:Laura.Fulton@affa.gov.au]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 19 August 2003 9:26 AM  
**To:** Committee, NCET (REPS)  
**Subject:** parking

As someone who lives near Bungendore and does not have access to public transport, use of my car (and, therefore, public parking facilities) is the only alternative available for commuting to work. I have found that the available facilities have become increasingly strained. Once a carpark has been secured (if you arrive early in the morning) you are very reluctant to leave it during the day, even to go out at lunch time because you will lose your carpark and either be required to park quite some distance away or illegally.

On the basis of current parking rates I will lose some \$30 plus per week if pay parking is introduced. The Department has categorically refused to provide any supplementation for the additional costs incurred by staff. This means my annual salary will be reduced by at least \$1560.

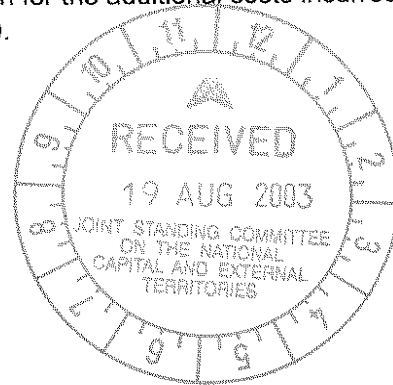
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**From:** Committee, NCET (REPS)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 19 August 2003 10:07 AM  
**To:** Clements, Quinton (REPS)  
**Cc:** Baker, Justin (REPS); Miletic, Daniel (REPS)  
**Subject:** FW: Paid parking in Barton/parliamentary Triangle

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Airlie White [mailto:Airlie.White@ea.gov.au]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 19 August 2003 9:31 AM  
**To:** Committee, NCET (REPS)  
**Subject:** Paid parking in Barton/parliamentary Triangle

As a worker in the area I object to the introduction of paid parking in the Barton/Parliamentary Triangle area for the following reasons.

. There is inadequate public transport into the area and as a senior officer who regularly works back until 7.00pm at night it is not an option for me to utilise public transport at this hour.

. There are no services in the area which means if I need to utilise banking, postal, shopping, bill paying, newsagency, drycleaning, etc services at lunch time I have to drive somewhere to be able to do this and therefore need a vehicle to do this. It is therefore unfair to penalise me with paid parking fees at work in the morning, at lunchtime and then when I return to work after lunch.

This is not an issue in the town centres as employees can pay for parking if they so wish or use public transport and then can walk to access services within 5 minutes of their workplace. I have worked in civic for many years and paid for parking on this basis.

I will only support the introduction of paid parking in the Barton area when I have access within 5 to 10 minutes walking time from my office the services I require on a weekly basis ie banking, postal, bill paying, drycleaning, newsagency, supermarket.

Airlie White



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**From:** Erica Ryan [erica\_ryan@excite.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 19 August 2003 10:26 AM  
**To:** Committee, NCET (REPS)  
**Subject:** Objection to pay parking in the Parliamentary Triange

A short note to say I object to the ressurection of the proposal to implement pay parking in the Parliamentary zone.

I lived in Kingston for 6 years but ultimately escaped the constructions chaos. It would take c40 minutes by local transport options to get from Kingston to the National Library. Services ran half hourly during peak periods but only hourly otherwise - not helpful for weekend or work in the evenings. How can this be considered "direct" and conventient when we have limited time available to us? We are cut off from so many services and businesses that a car is important. I have worked in the triangle for c15 years and have only driven the last 3 - beacause I need to get things done and I public transport options continued to let me down. There absence of good childcare facilities in the parliamentary triangle make it harder for working mums (I am not one but work with many) - who need their cars to get about for feeding, pick-ups, drop-offs and medical appointments.

Why should the tax payers and tourists also have to pay for the priveledge to sample what is on offer in the area and mop up after bad town planning? There has been such an effort made in recent years to attract people, why now add the sting of paid parking? Is the parking under Parliament House also to be charged?

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**From:** HUTCHISON, David [david.hutchison@apvma.gov.au]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 19 August 2003 10:36 AM  
**To:** Committee, NCET (REPS)  
**Subject:** WHERE IS THE CAR PARK IN BARTON ?

WHERE IS A CAR PARK IN BARTON ?

SINCE WE WORK HERE - YOU CANNOT FORCE US OUT !  
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**From:** Michael.Nutt@health.gov.au  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 19 August 2003 11:05 AM  
**To:** Committee, NCET (REPS)  
**Subject:** Pay parking in the parl. triangle and Barton

Hi,

I wish to express my opposition to pay parking in the parl. triangle and Barton until such a time as appropriate public transport and essential services are in place.

Public transport in Barton is not adequate for most people who work in the area. Barton is a very inconvenient place to work without a car, especially for anyone who requires some level of professional care on a routine basis, eg: dentist, doctor, physio, chiropractor, etc.

Any person working in the parl. triangle or Barton who requires these services needs to drive to them as the time required to travel to the town centres in the middle of the day on public transport is prohibitive. This loss of time can impact adversely on their (perhaps already compromised) work performance.

It is difficult enough for those marginally able to work, or being rehabilitated, to maintain a minimum level of work performance. To place further barriers in the way of these people working may well exclude them from the workforce. For example, a person with a common back injury may need on-going treatment (perhaps once or twice a week) for several months. The ease of accessing such treatment will impact on their ability to return to, or continue, work during this time.

I urge the committee to examine this issue when considering the future development of the parl. triangle and Barton areas, including when considering the parking issue.

By the way, has anyone asked the CEO of Action what mode of transport he uses to travel to work?

yours faithfully,

Michael  
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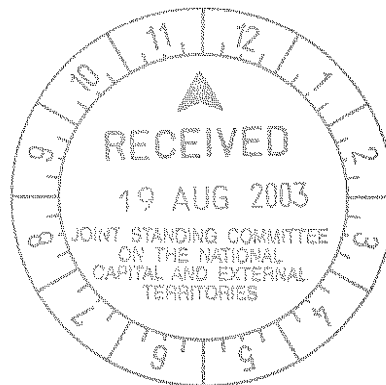
**From:** Jose.Stokman@aqis.gov.au  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 19 August 2003 11:26 AM  
**To:** Committee, NCET (REPS)  
**Subject:** Objection to Paid Parking in the Parliamentary precinct

I wish to raise a number of points in regard to the above

1. Currently I leave home from Ngunnawal at 5.30 am each morning. I need to be at the Olympic pool in Civic by 6.00 for training after which time I go straight to work in Barton. There are no buses at 5.30 am in the morning.
2. As I have to use my car, will the all day park I pay for be available to me all day? There are no facilities (ie doctor, dentist, shops) in the immediate area which means people have to leave their park for appointments during the day. Will the parking spot I paid for be guaranteed to me all day (and if not, will the ticket be appropriate to use in other car parks in the area). Currently, parking is at a premium in this area and if you leave your spot during the day it is difficult to find a park when you return and it usually entails you park in another carpark to the one used that morning.
3. As there are no facilities in the area as outlined above, will buses run say, every 15 minutes, during the hours of 12-00 to 2.00 to enable people to attend their appointments, shopping during their lunch hour.
4. Should I wish to ride my pushbike to work will there be any consideration given to adding bike racks to buses so they can be utilised in case of breakdown, emergency or inclement weather?

I hope that these points raised above will be considered when deciding to introduce pay parking to this area.

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**From:** Kristine.Howard@affa.gov.au  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 19 August 2003 11:26 AM  
**To:** Committee, NCET (REPS)  
**Subject:** Pay Parking - Barton

I have commuted from Cooma daily since July 2001 when CRS Australia closed their Cooma office and I was forced to seek alternate employment. I have been unable to find another position in Cooma during this time and am not likely to be able to in the future. I am also unable to move to Canberra due to financial constraints.

My main reason for transferring from ISR in Civic to AFFA in Barton was to save the \$40 that it was costing me in parking fees. I already have a large expense in commuting costs with petrol and maintenance on my car, I do not need the additional cost of parking.

Parking in the Barton area and especially around the Edmund Barton Building is inadequate and a major frustration to people who have no other choice but to drive to work. Perhaps Action buses could have a marketing campaign to encourage those workers who have access to this service, to use it. Services may need to be improved and cost saving more attractive to tempt those who currently drive.

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**From:** Sylvia Carr [SCARR@nla.gov.au]  
**Sent:** Monday, 18 August 2003 2:24 PM  
**To:** Committee, NCET (REPS)  
**Subject:** Paid parking in Parliamentary triangle

Dear Sirs,

As a member of the CPSU who works in the National Library I strongly object to the idea of having to pay for parking. I quite often have to park in a paddock and so do many thousands of tourists so pay parking will affect them greatly too !!

Inevitably there will be an effect upon the visitor numbers of the NLA and Questacon to name but two institutions in the precinct !!

The proposal for paid parking in the precinct is very unfair and many workers in the NLA for one will not be able to afford to bring their car to work if it is introduced. This will lead to workers having to work strictly according to bus time tables and not being flexible and therefore not being as productive as they are at present. In addition more time will need to be taken off from their employers for family and financial matters !!

This proposal will greatly affect many women who work in this area who need to be able to go to their young children when called by schools and nurseries !!

It is a bad proposal and just an excuse to raise more money from struggling public servants !!

Sylvia Carr, NLA



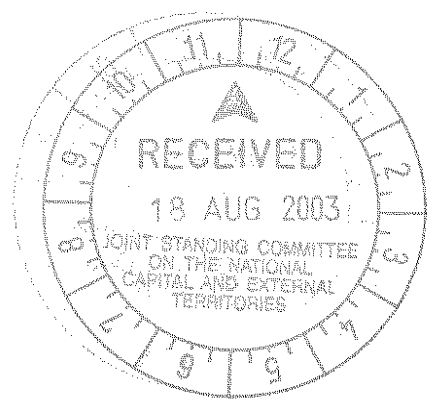
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**From:** John.OHara@affa.gov.au  
**Sent:** Monday, 18 August 2003 2:40 PM  
**To:** Committee, NCET (REPS)  
**Subject:** Parking

Dear Sir/Madam

As there is sufficient parking for workers as well as visitors to national venues in the parliamentary precincts, (this is a fact) I do not see the need for paid parking. I might add that the bus service is just lousy because of the behaviour of the school children and this is what drove me from the buses over the last 12 years. In fact I would crawl to work over cut glass rather than be on the morning 265! John O'Hara



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**From:** Linda.Stevens@affa.gov.au  
**Sent:** Monday, 18 August 2003 2:42 PM  
**To:** Committee, NCET (REPS)  
**Subject:** Pay Parking in Barton

To Whom it may concern,

It has been suggested that I email you in relation to my objection to pay parking in Barton. I live in Ngunnawal, and every morning and evening (Mon-Fri), I travel to Barton. I use to travel by public transport, but found that it was very difficult and time consuming, unless I wanted to leave home at 7.20am, and leave work at 4.40pm, I was having to catch 4-6 buses a day. Because of my job, at times I work late (after 6.30pm), getting home by bus was a nightmare, and I tended to have to catch taxi's from Civic. Consequently, I now drive to work. Action buses say it is easy to catch a bus, this is true if you work in a town centre and it is a very quick service if you live close to towncentres - living elsewhere makes it difficult.

When I worked in Civic, it was a lot easier to get to and from work, and it was relatively cheap. When I did drive to work, I had no objection to paying for carparks as Civic obviously has shops, government shopfronts, easy access to a variety of food outlets, solicitors, banks etc etc, as well as being only 1 bus from home to work. Here in Barton we have few of these conveniences - finding a bank is impossible as they have all been closed down, there are 3 food outlets within walking distance, no government shopfronts, solicitors, everything that Civic has, it is also (as stated above) not convenient/easy/cheap for me to catch buses. What reason would there be to charge for parking when Barton does not have the same conveniences as Civic/Woden/Belconnen/Tuggeranong?

I can understand that if a company wants to put in a multi-storey carpark, that they should be able to charge for this service, this could work out convenient in Barton as we have few car parks available, extra would be appreciated (depending where they are located). However, I do not believe that we should be charged anywhere near the amount charged in Civic (see my objections above). I also do not believe that the current carparks should be converted to pay parking as there is no need to make back the money spent on the construction of a carpark - the only reason I can see to change is for the government to make money. I do not honestly think that having pay parking will encourage more people to use Action Buses.

There is also the issue of it effectively cutting down your annual salary by between \$800 - \$1800 per year (conservative figures) - money I would much rather put towards something that would help me, like registration for my car.

Thank you for taking the time to read my note.

Regards

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Any connection between your reality and mine is purely coincidental.



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**From:** Elizabeth Morgan [EMORGAN@nla.gov.au]  
**Sent:** Monday, 18 August 2003 2:55 PM  
**To:** Committee, NCET (REPS)  
**Subject:** Pay Parking

Dear Committee Members,

I would just to reinforce my opposition to paid parking in the Parliamentary Triangle. I believe it will not only affect those of us who work around here but will also affect visitor numbers and of course those who are regular users of the Library who use our vast research resources. As I said in my last e-mail, if a major shopping centre was nearby I perhaps not be quite so objected to the notion of paid parking, but the fact is is that apart from Civic (which is already paid parking) and Manuka (also paid parking), there are no other shopping centres near the Parliamentary Triangle. The ACT government is also putting paid parking in at Belconnen and Tuggeranong so in the end not only will we have to pay to park at work but also to do our shopping. The majority of us who work in the Parliamentary Triangle rely on our cars, not only to get us to and from work, but also to attend to those things that we are unable to do near our workplace, eg. childcare, shopping, doctor's appointments, etc. It will also restrict the hours in which we work, since we will have to work around woeful bus timetables. I would urge you to also think of the visitors to the attractions within the Parliamentary Triangle and how it will affect the numbers visiting major cultural institutions such as the Library, Questacon, Old and New Parliament Houses, the High Court, the NGA and the National Archives. How much more will tourism in Canberra be affected if people are unable to visit these attractions with incurring high parking fees? You should also note that many people who visit the Library are those who are doing research and consist of mainly aged pensioners and students (who already pay for parking at their place of study, in most cases), and we already have problems with the short parking period in our main car park. Thank you E. Morgan, NLA



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**From:** Mani Berghout [Mani.Berghout@ea.gov.au]  
**Sent:** Monday, 18 August 2003 3:50 PM  
**To:** Committee, NCET (REPS)  
**Subject:** Pay parking in parliamentary triangle

Counter to the many voices of opposition to the proposed introduction of pay-parking in the Parliamentary Triangle, I am moderately supportive of the suggestion - the current situation is unacceptable, and people need a good reason to come to work by any means other than single-driver car whenever it is so easy to simply drive. I'd rather see carrot than stick, but stick is better than nothing. (a carrot approach would be, for example, to give employees discounted or free bus tickets for commuter use only, or to financially compensate for increased travel time due to using public transport).

However I gather that the ACT Government believes pay parking will encourage investors to put in multi-storey parking stations, and that is why its introduction is necessary. This is completely the wrong direction for this city to be heading in. We need to encourage people to use sustainable transport, not continually make it easier for everyone to drive their own car. It won't be long before the psychological impact of paying for parking is overcome - remember the impact of GST? - so something needs to be done to reduce the numbers of vehicles rather than catering for ever increasing numbers.

The current public transport situation is presently unacceptable for people in outer suburbs - it could plausibly take 1.5 hours each way as opposed to 25 mins by car. For myself, one of the lucky ones who lives in an inner suburb, it takes 10 mins to drive versus 40 mins on a bus or bicycle - that's an extra hour each day and I'm relatively well situated!

I would like to see massive awareness-raising as to how to get to work by bus and convincing plans for how the service will be upgraded in response to the (hopefully) increased demand as people seek to avoid parking fees (particularly the need for express services to cut travelling time for outer suburbs). Such awareness-raising could, for example, involve handing out a free 10-ride bus ticket to all employees in Barton so they can give buses a one-week trial. It is really important that people have a positive first experience taking a bus rather than driving. Otherwise they will simply unhappily shoulder the burden of the fee but continue to drive. That would not solve the parking problem nor reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Sincerely  
Mani Berghout



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**From:** Angelo.Valois@affa.gov.au  
**Sent:** Monday, 18 August 2003 10:10 AM  
**To:** Committee, NCET (REPS)  
**Subject:** NCA Pay Parking Proposal

Dear Sir/Madam

I wish to register my objection to the proposal to introduce pay parking on the streets of the parliamentary precinct. It is not only a blatant grubby grab for money by the National Capital Authority and the ACT Government, but bad policy.

Where is the so-called public transport infrastructure that the ACT Governments talks about? From my experience, public transport to and from the parliamentary precinct is a joke - and politicians and senior bureaucrats should wake up to that fact.

I am no longer a resident of the ACT, and public transport will not be an option for me - instead I and others will suffer an impost of approximately \$20/week, but for no other reason than sheer greed. Well, you will not be getting my \$20 because I will park away from the designated areas and go for a pleasant walk everyday.

It is no wonder that the general public is so distrustful of politicians and governments in general - stop being so greedy and short-sighted. If you want to win people over to public transport, then provide a decent service.

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**From:** Gloria Gardiner [Gloria.Gardiner@ea.gov.au]  
**Sent:** Monday, 18 August 2003 10:16 AM  
**To:** Committee, NCET (REPS)  
**Cc:** Gerard Crutch  
**Subject:** Health concerns about pay parking in parliamentary precinct



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To whom it may concern

I wish to highly object to the introduction of pay parking in the parliamentary precinct (especially in the area of the John Gorton Building). As a single mother on a APS4 level salary I am struggling enough to try to meet the cost of living (rent, electricity, gas, car expenses, groceries, etc) without having further pressures being put on me. I have to drive my car as I have to drop my daughter off to a carer as well as preschool on other days (which is based on restricted hours). I am also studying part time and have to travel to and from work to attend my classes during the week.

This is itself is causing me stress and if I have to add another forced cost to my expenses then this will be the straw to break to camel's back. I am quite sure you would be concerned about what this would do to someone in my position. Seeing a counsellor may help me talk about it but it does nothing to provide me with money to pay for these extra costs.

For your consideration.

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**From:** Melissa.Sykes@affa.gov.au  
**Sent:** Monday, 18 August 2003 10:15 AM  
**To:** Committee, NCET (REPS)  
**Subject:** PARKING IN THE BARTON REGION

Dear Committee Members

I would like to register my objection to the ACT Government supporting pay parking in the parliamentary region. This region is not a commercialised town centre and should not be treated as such.

I understand that you have been advised by the NCA that their plan is to provide 1 on-site car space for the 100 sqm of floor space, when they know that about 3 spaces would be required. Already car parking situation around Edmund Barton Building is quite atrocious already and should NCA's plan be accepted it would become quite impossible.

I don't mind paying for parking, but I do want to have reasonable access to my workplace. I am responsible for taxiing my children to out-of-area schools and cannot afford the pleasure of using our public transport services as proposed by the NCA. I want you to consider ALL of the options with their pros and cons before making any decision about the future of our parking - don't just listen to what you want to hear.

We are not near any commercial businesses and cannot be treated as a commercial area. We would not be parking in the Barton area if we did not work here. We are not accessing any tourist or shopping attractions. We have thr right to be able to park in the near vacinity of our workplace if we cannot catch a bus.

I believe that the planning proposal is unfair and ask that you become fully informed before making any decisions in this area.

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**From:** Lyn.Brown@affa.gov.au  
**Sent:** Monday, 18 August 2003 10:22 AM  
**To:** Committee, NCET (REPS)  
**Subject:** Parking in the parliamentary triangle

Dear Sir/Madam

You should not introduce pay parking in the parliamentary triangle until the bus system is sorted out and postal and banking services are reintroduced. I suggest that pay parking not be introduced until the transfer time on buses is extended to 1.30hours and the express bus time extended to at least 9.10am My reasons are: I came from Isaacs this morning and decided to catch a bus rather than risk a parking ticket again because I was running late. I didn't realise that the express buses cut off at 8.49pm from Woden. Consequently, I had to catch the 38 at 9.00 which got me to the office at 9.40am, which is past the 9.30 flex time cutoff. Also, if I had children to drop off at school it would not be possible to catch a bus and arrive at work on time. Getting home is another problem if you need to go shopping at Woden. The buses are on the opposite side of the Plaza to Woollies or Coles and a bus transfer only lasts for 1 hour, which means I really have to hike it when getting something for dinner. If I was a person with a slight disability which would mean I would have to walk at a slower pace, I wouldn't make it and would need to pay another \$2.40. Pay parking should not be introduced until we have services, in particular postal and banking services need to be reintroduced. It maybe ok for some to pay their bills by the internet, but what about us low income earners that share flats and pay bills by pooling cash. We need to get to Kingston or Manuka during business hours and that will cost another \$4.80 on the bus. When the Commonwealth Bank closed, so did the ATM, even though it wasn't operated by the Bank. Please bring it back please before pay parking is introduced.

Pay parking will not lessen the number of cars in the area when service facilities and an accommodating bus service are not available. Kind Regards

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The Secretary  
 Parliamentary Joint Committee  
 National Capital and External Territories

I am writing to object to the proposal for paid parking in the Parliamentary Triangle and to the totally inadequate planning that has made parking an issue in the area..

I live in Holder and I always travelled by public transport when I worked in Woden. Since transferring to Barton I have made several attempts to use public transport but I have given up. The problems are that the bus routes do not go directly Holder, increasing travelling time by more than double and I often need to access banking shopping and other services at lunch-time and these are not available at Barton. So I often need a car at lunch-time though I never needed one in Woden.

I notice that Action Buses claim their service to Barton is adequate but workers in the area needed to be educated about how to use them. Perhaps the education should begin with Action's employees. I rang their call line for advice on the best way to get to Holder from Arts House. I followed directions and it took me 1 hour 31 minutes to get home (via Pearce). I found later that the advice was incorrect but it still takes about 1 hour 10 minutes.

I have given up and I drive to work in 12 minutes. This enables me to be able to access banking, shopping and other services as required at lunch-time. These services are not available in Barton.

The parking problem at Barton is caused by constant building on sites previously used for car-parks. The building I work in, Arts House, sits on a site which was used for over-flow parking. But the worst example is the sale of the car-park opposite Lionel Murphy Building in Blackall St for residential units. Surely some of the millions of dollars the government pocketed from this sale should be used to alleviate the parking problem that it created.

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**Miletic, Daniel (REPS)**

**From:** Linda Selg [Linda.Selg@ea.gov.au]  
**Sent:** Monday, 18 August 2003 10:42 AM  
**To:** Committee, NCET (REPS)  
**Subject:** Pay parking in the Parliamentary triangle

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my concerns over the proposal to introduce pay parking to areas of the parliamentary triangle.

I believe the introduction of pay parking in this area would be unfair to the users of the parliamentary triangle. Most of us are public servants, parking at our Departmental locations. Parkes, for example, does not contain any of the normal facilities that would warrant a pay parking set up (ie shops, banks, restuarants, etc). If we need to access facilities for bill paying, shopping, or dining, we are already required to pay for parking in Civic, Kingston or Manuka. Will we now have to pay an additional fee simply to attend work?

In addition to the use of this area by public servants, the other key group of users are tourists, for sites such as the National Gallery, Old Parliament House, Questacon, the National Library, National Archives, etc. Do we really want to discourage tourists from visiting these important buildings by requiring them to pay for parking?

I hope that you will reconsider introducing pay parking to the parliamentary triangle given the lack of facilities available and the type of people using this area.

Sincerely,

Linda Selg.

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