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The Chair,  
Joint Committee on National Capital and External  
Territories, Parliament House, Canberra ACT 2600.

Dear Chair,

I would like to make a few comments for the benefit of  
your Committee's inquiry into pay parking in the  
Parliamentary Zone.

As someone who works in Barton, it must be said that  
there is currently a lack of decent parking spaces  
during the working week. Furthermore, the car-park  
nearest my workplace is unpaved, very dusty and has no  
proper lighting. In some respects, it resembles more  
a garbage tip than a carpark near an area of national significance. Because of the  
lack of parking places, people often park illegally and in appropriate places. It does  
not reflect well on a supposedly 'planned city'.

While I appreciate the number of parking places in the parliamentary zone should be  
rationalised, any introduction of pay parking for these areas needs to be carefully  
considered in its effect on adjoining areas. Areas such as Barton clearly need better  
quality parking and more car spaces. Maybe the introduction of multi-storey parking  
should be considered. Alternatively, or at the same time, better public transport  
should be introduced.

Many of us would have preferred that Canberra had been developed in a way that was  
less car-dependent.  
However, we have inherited a city built for cars and  
workers who are now forced to use their cars should  
not be punished for using them in the absence of a  
decent public transport system, such as a light rail  
or tram system.

Regards,  
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