INQUIRY INTO WESTERN SYDNEY SCIENCE PARK AND AEROTROPOLIS DEVELOPMENTS

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As a regular commuter to Liverpool from the Central Coast for work, the impact on travel times has been significant. The current M7-M12 project has caused major disruption to traffic and added about 20 mins travel time each way. Whilst unavoidable, it is a concern that the public are still expected to pay to travel on roads that cause more stress and disruption to each work day. Furthermore, the public transport system from Newcastle to Sydney is outdated. The stations have limited parking so using public transport to travel from the Central Coast is not an option when you are a 15 min drive from a train station. I understand the need to build roads, but paying for those roads when there are major disruptions is ludicrous. The M7 is not an old road, but it was not future planned, despite the fact the aerotropolis was. Future planning should ensure that all new major roads are built with future infrastructure development in mind rather than redoing what has already been done to avoid major disruption and at the very least, stop making commuters pay for roads that make their lives harder not easier.