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Dear Mr Watts

Thank you for your correspondence to the Member for Kiama, which was referred to the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure, about the Thirroul car park and the South Coast Line timetable. The Minister has asked me to respond on his behalf.

Providing a world-class transport system is a priority for the NSW Government and your suggestions are noted and appreciated.

I am advised the new Thirroul Station car park provides 151 parking spaces. This should provide ample space for commuters and help free up Thirroul retail precinct parking. I am further advised Transport for NSW has promoted the new commuter car park availability through signage at Thirroul Station.

As you may be aware, the 2013 timetable introduced 125 additional weekly express services between Sydney and Wollongong. I understand there was minimal customer demand at Bulli and Austinmer stations to warrant adding them as express stops in the timetable. However, customer feedback like yours will help us to improve the timetable when it is next reviewed. As such, I have forwarded your correspondence to Transport for NSW.

In regard to bus services at Helensburgh Station, I am advised the core bus timetable is generally designed to connect with south-bound express services from Sydney. The timetable was also designed to allow for bus connections with north-bound trains. I understand bus operators are not penalised for holding services back to wait for rail customers.

I hope this has been of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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cc Gareth Ward MP (Your ref: A1332603)