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Dear Ministerial Staff

Please see attached correspondence from Rick Banyard.

As the matter relates to Minister Hazzard's portfolio, I forward for your consideration and attention and ask that you respond to Mr Banyard directly.

Thanks
Laura

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**With the Compliments
of the
Premier**

The Hon Andrew Stoner MP
Minister for Trade and Investment

For all necessary attention.

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From: <cdcopy@hunterlink.net.au> [cdcopy@hunterlink.net.au]
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Subject: Newcastle plan and truncation
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Hello,

I would appreciate it if the Premier could view the attached letter as I believe the information will be of assistance and importance to him and NSW.

I have copied the Transport Minister and Planning Minister

Rick Banyard

The debate about the rail line truncation is now over 40 years long. In all that time the issue has been pushed by minority groups, The members of the groups are largely one and the same with the largest group being the 800 strong Hunter Business Chamber. That membership is for the Hunter and not just Newcastle. Most Bowling Clubs would have a greater membership.

In that forty years if there had been a better alternate to retaining the rail line one would have thought that it would have been placed on the table by now. The 40 years has produced nothing more than pipe dreams that do not stack up to even scant scrutiny.

The solution cannot include buses without at least \$1b to fix the buses in the Hunter.

Before you commit political suicide for your Government and truncate the efforts of Jamie Abbot to become the Federal Liberal member for Newcastle I respectfully suggest you think long and hard and begin a consultation process with the real community.

I have asked large numbers of Politicians, business and community leaders for three reasons supported by facts as to why the rail line should be cut.

To date not one has been able to do so. Can you?

Time has come not for a plan to be lobbed on the table but for open, honest and transparent consultation to begin.

If you have a plan for the rail closure east of Broadmeadow then I call on you to meet with the real people of Newcastle and explain to us the proposal. If the proposal is good and workable we will without doubt fully endorse it.

I look forward to your prompt response as the future of Newcastle cannot be held back a minute longer.

Rick Banyard

Copy to Ministers for Transport and Planning.



Premier & Cabinet

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10 December 2012

Mr Rick Banyard
cdcory@hunterlink.net.au

Dear Mr Banyard

Thank you for your recent email to the Premier concerning Renew Newcastle funding.

As the matter you have raised concerns the administration of the Minister for Trade and Investment, the Hon Andrew Stoner MP, your email has been forwarded to the Minister for attention.

You may be sure that your email will receive close consideration.

Yours sincerely

David Swain
for **Director General**