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**Subject:** Revitalise Newcastle

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to provide feedback and concerns with the proposed plan.

The cutting of the railway will cause increased travel time for the greater hunter residents. The interchange at Wickham will separate Maitland and Lake Macquarie residents from the civic centre and east end. It will cause traffic congestion and waste state government limited resources to benefit the minority. Remember Civic is the new centre of Newcastle with Honeysuckle, judicial precinct and Newcastle University city campus.

The cutting of the line will also cause traffic chaos in Hunter St with increased noise and carbon emissions. It seems to contradict the Lower Hunter Regional Strategy and the NSW transport master plan.

My greatest concern is the cost with so many more important and pressing infrastructure upgrades which include Glendale interchange, bypass of Adamstown railway gates, duplication of Lake Rd, duplication of Tourle St bridge and completion of intercity bypass.

The train line in Newcastle should be built over with trains running underneath at developers expense. The waterfront car park at Honeysuckle should be made parkland and the Crown Plaza demolished to open the city to the harbour.

Darby St eating precinct should be moved to Newcastle Mall to revitalise the old city centre. The old post office should become a post office with additional commercial tenants.

I am happy to volunteer my time in supporting government revitalise the Hunter and making it a more sustainable city. This plan is too CBD centric to be truly successful and excludes the majority.

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