

urbanrenewal - Re: Cutting rail service Newcastle Urban Renewal Strategy.

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As a casual commuter by rail from Newcastle Station, usually to Sydney, I am appalled to hear about the council's decision to cut the railway at Wickham. Surely climate change alone is reason enough to get cars off the road and onto the rail.

- 1) Where will commuters park in Wickham? It is almost impossible at the moment.
- 2) What about the inconvenience of leaving one mode of transport and having to wait for another ten minutes from the end of your journey. Waiting in the rain? I have travelled to Sydney Airport by rail and have noticed many other passengers with large bags presumably making a similar trip. Must we leave the train with heavy bags on the return, after a long journey to catch another mode of transport?
- 3) Mothers with strollers, the sick, the elderly? People living in Newcastle city travelling to Wickham before they are able to catch a train? Have you taken any of this in consideration when trying to appease THE DEVELOPERS and people like Nick Greiner who have probably not travelled by train since he was a school boy.
- 4) How about an underpass, an overpass? The trains are people movers all over the world. You want a higher population in the city? You need the rail.