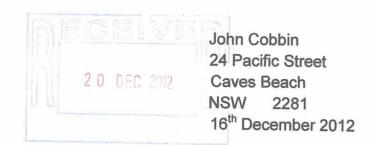
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Re closure of Newcastle Railway line.

Dear Sir or Madam

I have noticed in the media your intention to spend millions of taxpayer's dollars to close a perfectly good public amenity.

If you are hell bent on closing the line why not just stop the trains? Why waste money on a transport interchange etc.?

Why does Newcastle deserve to have these megabucks spent on what will end up being just another dormitory suburb?

Are you just trying to shore up the electoral position of your newly elected member? There are a lot of delusionary people in the area who believe Newcastle is still the centre of the District. This thinking is incorrect. Newcastle is never again going to be the CBD.

Unless I have to attend court I have no reason to go there & there are a lot of people like me. If I do go there it is case of welcome to Newcastle that will be 3 or 4 bucks an hour to park my car.

As you seem to have plenty of funds available how about a Belmont bypass road from Marks Point to Windale & Western Lake Macquarie needs a duplicate bridge over Fennel Bay. There are many projects in the area needing taxpayer's dollars dollars more than Newcastle.

Don't waste money on Newcastle, it is a dead duck.

John Cobbin