

urbanrenewal - Newcastle Urban Renewal Strategy

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Subject: Newcastle Urban Renewal Strategy

Dear Sir/Madam,

On review of the above mentioned strategy document , I am deeply concerned about the direction sought by the department in regard to the wider access to public transport across the entire Hunter Valley, including Newcastle CBD.

Stakeholders in the Lake Macquarie LGA are especially concerned.

As the department responsible for planning, your team that has compiled this report should be well aware of the inversely proportionate distribution of resources to the growing residential regions outside, but adjacent to, the Newcastle LGA . These areas desperate for more transport funding.

It would appear more prudent to leave the heavy rail as is. In accordance with planning for the future for the growing regions I mentioned, the department could then divert funds to the areas, such as Pt Stephens, Cessnock, Kurri Kurri, Maitland, Branxton, Lake Macquaire and the northern end of the Central Coast (Blue Haven) where transport options need to be increased.

I am a resident of Newcastle CBD. I believe this city is growing in a natural and sustainable way. There are challenges that need to be faced, but spending millions of dollars on a functional rail line is in my opinion a waste of time.

Thanks You,

Scott Cooper-Johnston.