

urbanrenewal - Fwd: Newcastle Urban Renewal Strategy

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 To whom it may concern

I am writing in my capacity as a town planner in the Newcastle Region. I wish to congratulate the NSW Government for finally making a decision about the Newcastle Urban Renewal Strategy and in particular the courageous decision to build a new transport interchange at Wickham. This shows tremendous leadership in my eyes.

Also I have participated in the Property Council's *Newcastle Renewal Taskforce* initiative and note that at a recently convened CBD Leaders Summit unanimous support was given to five crucial recommendations that must be included if the strategy is to succeed in creating a truly world-class city. These recommendations are:

1. Deregulation of the proposed planning controls to reflect the principles of the Green Paper on sector reform
2. Bringing forward a Regional Transport Plan that interlocks with the strategy
3. Fixing the problem of mine subsidence, once and for all, with a funding model that gives cost certainty
4. Using local expertise as a key input to the design process
5. Within twelve months, a clear and fully funded Implementation Plan with milestone dates for achievement

I agree with the vision within the Newcastle Urban Renewal Strategy and the five recommendations as above. Together the NSW Government, the property sector and all stakeholders can make some most needed changes.

Regards

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