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Dear Sir,

Please, please do not take away the rail line into Newcastle. I am a new resident (and rate payer), and am horrified at the thought of both the rail line ending at Wickham and then the new idea of using Broadmeadow as the interchange for the Sydney trains. It makes no sense to remove the best form of transport into Newcastle, buses are slow and hard for the elderly and disabled to get on and off, and putting more cars on already congested roads is just plain stupid. I will now have to catch three trains and the two buses at the other end to visit my grandchildren. I love going into Newcastle by train, walking to the ocean baths and beach, enjoying festivals and events, visiting the gallery, museum and walking along the harbour front, eating in the cafes and walking through the mall, knowing at the end of this I just walk back to the station to go home. I do not believe that the rail line has anything to do with the area being run down, that is being caused by not enough vision or promotion (and the council says it is broke). Newcastle is beautiful just the way it is, we just need to showcase everything here.

I wish I could have attended the protest at Parliament House but my husband is disabled and it was just too far to go and as for the forums held in Newcastle yesterday I did not know about them until it was too late but I am ready willing and able to throw all my support behind Saving our Rail.

Please sir can you reconsider this idea, it really is a bad one.

Yours Sincerely
Lyndell Dyson