

urbanrenewal - Submission to Draft Strategy

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The Newcastle Draft Urban Renewal Strategy is an Interesting document in total, but appears to be lacking in its support for the heavy rail line into Newcastle. As a former public servant who worked in the centre of Newcastle for well over twenty five years, I find it disappointing in the extreme that there is no commitment to push for the retention of the line into the centre of this great city.

As a full time worker in a senior section of the public service, I was pleased that I could contribute to ensuring that our precious planet would not be damaged by my use of a motor vehicle in a journey to and from my work place, which was very accessible by this wonderful heavy rail service, which I used at least five days a week, sometimes more when I was able to do overtime.

It is unacceptable to me that this draft could exclude supporting the very service that is the back bone of this area's transport infrastructure delivery. As a former resident of Dungog, I know how valuable it is that people from Dungog, Lake Macquarie, Upper Hunter, Singleton, etc can access the inner city for work, health specialists, recreation and amenity.

I am devastated to think that our community may not have the opportunity to use a heavy rail line, with all its advantages, into the wonderful city of Newcastle with this government's reckless planning debacles. How can people with bicycles, prams, surf boards, boogy boards, or people with disabilities change modes of transport mid journey and be expected to get onto a bus with all their accoutrements? It is once again totally unacceptable, and I for one will not take this decision lying down, and I hope nor will many other people.

Sincerely,

Marg Edwards