

urbanrenewal - NEWCASTLE URBAN RENEWAL STRATEGY 2012

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At last we have a positive plan and some funding for inner city Newcastle.

It is wonderful to have a state government that recognises the importance of this precinct. It has been neglected for far too long.

We desperately need to get rid of the barrier that is the railway and open up the city to our beautiful harbour. In the past the harbour was just an ugly working port. Wharves, cargo loading and the rail was essential to bring freight to the harbour.

Times have now changed and the harbour is a beautiful area visited by many people. This has drawn those people away from Hunter Street and

because of the difficulty of access they do not visit the 2 places at once.

Once accessibility is improved trading in Hunter Street will improve dramatically.

Newcastle has been plagued by vocal minority groups - "Save of Figs" "Save our Rail" etc.

We must remember that these are MINORITY GROUPS and do not represent the majority of residents who are horrified by the costs that these groups have inflicted on ratepayers. They object to any change and want Newcastle to stay in the dark ages. The fact that the majority voted in a property developer as our Lord Mayor shows that we desperately want change.

Please go ahead with this wonderful proposal and do not listen to the minority groups. Unfortunately the majority are not vocal, they are busy with their everyday lives, working, children etc.

They do not have time to be activists.

With regard to the rail line - changing modes of transport from trains to buses should not be a problem as long as there is good co-ordination of services.

What happens when you catch a train to Sydney? You go to Central and there is nothing there - you have to change to the City Line, Bondi Junction line, light rail, airport line, buses etc to get to your final destination. Why should Newcastle be any different?

Please go ahead with this proposal as soon as possible.

I am behind it 100%

regards

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