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— TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN —

R.E. "NEWCASTLE URBAN RENEWAL STRATEGY" 2012

I BELIEVE THAT NEWCASTLE CAN BE REVITALISED WITHOUT THE REMOVAL/TRUNCATION OF THE EXISTING RAILWAY LINE. IT APPEARS ABSOLUTELY NO SENSE FOR A CASH-STRAPPED GOVERNMENT TO SPEND MILLIONS + MILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO REMOVE IMPORTANT INFRASTRUCTURE TO SAVE FOUR MINUTES OF TRAIN TRAVEL.

PASSENGERS, VISITORS, TOURISTS AND BACKPACKERS WILL BE EXTREMELY INCONVENIENCED BY SEPARATE MODES OF TRANSPORT NOT CONSIDERING THE EXTRA TRAVEL TIME INVOLVED.

NEWCASTLE HOSTS MANY REGULAR EVENTS AT THE FORESHORE BRINGING MANY PACKED TRAINS INTO NEWCASTLE. FAMILIES WITH PRAMIS WHEEL CHAIR BOUND, PEOPLE CARRYING SURFBOARDS AND LUGGAGE ATTEMPTING TO FIND A BUS, QUITE IMPOSSIBLE IN SOME CASES.

WITH THE RECENT ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE NEW NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY PRECINCT AND THE NEW LAW COURT HIGHLIGHTS THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CLOSE CIVIC STATION IN HUNTER ST. NEWCASTLE.

THE EXISTING RAIL WOULD ENHANCE RATHER THAN DETRACT NEWCASTLE WITH CAREFULLY THOUGHT AND TASTEFUL LANDSCAPING

WOULD YOU PLEASE GIVE THIS RAIL ISSUE CAREFUL CONSIDERATION

YOURS FAITHFULLY