

urbanrenewal - Save the Newcastle Rail

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Dear Sir,

As a regular visitor to Newcastle and often by train and enjoy the trip into the city and walking distance to the city and beaches. I am concerned of the proposals to rip up the rail line and replace with buses.

Why is it necessary to build a new bus interchange at Wickham when one already exists at Newcastle and it is a fallacy to believe that "Bus services from the new interchange will ensure smoother journeys to the city centre and to other areas within Newcastle"! For a start more buses will be required to deliver the same amount of people now travelling by train and more frequently. Thus further congesting the road networks.

Rail should be being extended not retracting as it is well established of being the best means of transport and more efficient, cleaner and Green.

In the interest of visitors to Newcastle and continuing with the great tourism potential of the rail into the centre, then keep the trains running to Newcastle.

So I urged the NSW Government that whatever is decided on the Newcastle Urban Renewal that it includes the continuation of the existing rail line into Newcastle with further expansion to other areas of the city and nearby towns.

Yours faithfully

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