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Dear Ministerial Staff

Please see attached correspondence from Ms Jeayes.

As the matter relates to Minister Hazzard's portfolio, I forward the correspondence for your consideration and attention and ask that you respond to Ms Jeayes directly.

Thank you  
Laura

Office of the Deputy Premier

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Andrew Stoner, Deputy Premier

Dear Andrew

I am writing to you to express my concerns that Liberal member for Newcastle Tim Owen is on an agenda to see that the rail line cut and ripped up at Wickham instead of continuing as it is now through the 2.2 kms to Newcastle Station.

I sent Tim and email some months back and he was adamant that he is going to do that and make way for development in the area.

I also emailed at the same time Andrew Cornwell the member for Charlestown expressing my concern as well at Mr Owen's proposals and the dangers of this happening would effect members in his electorate. Instead of replying to my email he just forwarded it on to Mr Owen. The reason he gave was that I was not in his electorate.

I have today sent an email to Ms Gladys Berejiklian who I understand is the current NSW Minister for Transport expressing to her my grave concerns over Tim Owen, a local Mayor who is a major developer in Newcastle and other local developers who wants the rail line cut so that they can get on with their proposed developments for this city.

Several pages of the Newcastle Herald Saturday 15th December 2012 covered the way that people feel about our rail line. We do not want it cut anywhere. We want it to remain as it is.

Some of the reasons that I see not to cut the line are:

1. That many people use the Newcastle to Sydney trains in and out of the CBD to get to and from work. As do commuters using other Hunter rail services that begin and end at Newcastle's rail station.

Not only are the trains used by workers but by our TAFE, University and school students across the Hunter Valley.

2. Trains are user friendly for the aged, the disabled, families with small children in prams.

If 8 carriage loads of train passengers are forced to terminate their journey at Wickham and pushed onto buses How many seats in one bus equals all the seats in a 2 story rail carriage? In the case of wheelchairs and prams this will cut down the number of people that can fit on a bus to begin with. Buses and trams / light rail are user unfriendly to the elderly the disabled and parents with prams. The 2.2 km distance to the city means that the journey for those people becomes too difficult. If its cold or raining it makes everything much worse.

3. The trains are usually packed when there are any events on in Newcastle's foreshore. That can be very often. Parking in Newcastle is an absolute joke to the extent that it is almost impossible to get parking. As well, people just don't want to have to feed parking meters. It is mostly because parking is so bad that lots of families get on the trains to get to events in Newcastle. It was standing room only on the trains on Australia Day.

4. Many many teenagers and families are able to get the Newcastle trains right into the city with only a short walk to the reserves, parks and beaches. They get on board trains with bikes, scooters, surfboards and fishing gear that all "fit on the train". If buses or light rail were to replace the train from Wickham will those with surfboards, fishing gear, families with small children with bikes and scooters skateboards etc. be refused other public transport right into Newcastle?

5. I don't want State Government money spent to satisfy local developers in what they want to happen to our city that will feather their nests.

Our schools and hospitals are a disgrace. We have already seen Newcastle Hospital bulldozed to the ground for the sake of developers and their pockets - High rise units that shade the beach stand in the hospitals place on prime real estate..... Now we have problems with the John Hunter hospital where ambulances queue outside for hours with ill patients trying to get them beds inside the hospital. How many people have lost their lives or are continually at risk because of this practise? We have problems with our Westpac Rescue helicopters where funding goes to Sydney while our choppers sit on the ground and choppers called from Sydney to issues and patients again put at risk. Get some paramedics on our Newcastle based Westpac choppers so that they can do what they are supposed to do - rescues in this area.

This Liberal Government proposes to cut Fire Services, our school are crying out for more teachers and our hospitals more nurses while Tim Owen's priorities are to spend State Government funds to rip up a perfectly good rail line that fills the current and future needs of the people in our city, the people of the Hunter Valley and the tourists who visit us frequently on our trains.

6 . How much will it cost the State Government to rip up our rail line and build a bus terminal at Wickham and the talk of "Light Rail" means laying tracks for those to run? What a huge waste of money.

7. Any changes to our rail system in Newcastle should be taken to the people in a referendum at a State Government election. I know that if our rail line is destroyed into Newcastle or any proposals continue to threaten it from the Liberal Government that you will lose a lot of votes at the next elections that may see Labour reign once more here. The people are not happy.

I used to live at Crescent Head and have met you on a number of occasions through my x husband John Jeayes. I have known you to be a fair person and politician. So I am hoping that you will try and stop this and vote in parliament to keep our rail line in Newcastle. Please help us Save Our Rail.

It is my understanding that when a letter or email is sent to a State Government Minister that a reply must be answered and forwarded back by the minister to that person.

I look forward to your reply and I ask that you vote to keep the rail line as it in in Newcastle.

Yours sincerely

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