

urbanrenewal - The Rail line from Wickham to Newcastle

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I am writing to express strong objection to state government plans to cut the rail line at Wickham. I am a Maitland resident, parent and teacher using the line regularly myself and knowing of numerous young people who use it to attend the beach and harbour precinct. Getting young people to use public transport reduces car accidents, carbon emissions and wasteful use of resources. We also want to decrease congestion on the roads-especially in this area of a weekend. The road congestion is not a good look for tourism and yet the plan is to put more traffic on the road by using buses from Wickham, while of course many who would normally catch the train will choose to drive instead. Let us regional-locals use the train we utilise and well appreciate. Build over it to capture the views but it makes sense for the line to stay.

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