

urbanrenewal - Closure of Newcastle Rail Line

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Subject: Closure of Newcastle Rail Line

Dear Sir,

I have been informed that activities on the rail line into Newcastle indicate its destruction is imminent.

I believe that the whole situation is ludicrous - how can any forward thinking Government consider removing a rail link right into the CBD of a city.

There are many cities throughout the world that would envy the situation that Newcastle has.

Considering also that today (15/4/2013) Newcastle University has announced its intention of moving one of its departments to the Civic precinct makes a mockery of the intent to develop Newcastle with a reduced public transport system.

How many commuters from Scone, Dungog, Morriston, Maitland etc will continue to use rail after the line is terminated - they will use motor vehicles!!

I am astounded that the political clout of developers and those who will make money out of rail's demise have so much sway against logic.

Is Eddie Obeid still behind the scenes?

I wish again to voice my concerns about this very short sighted activity in respect of Newcastle's future.

Your faithfully,

A Lowther