

urbanrenewal - Newcastle rail line

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I write to express my dismay at the impending closure of the Newcastle rail line. This line is an important link between Newcastle and the Hunter and Central coast. It enables easy access for people to the town and beaches without resorting to car use. Trains can carry bicycles and surfboards, wheelchairs, prams etc. Buses cannot. Why rip up a useful service just to replace it with an inferior transport option where people have to change to buses. I believe the majority of people in Newcastle and especially valley towns like Maitland want the railway to stay unchanged. The excuse that the railway cuts off the city from the harbour is a furphy promulgated by developers like Jeff McCloy to further their own interests at the expense of public transport users. Some intelligent and economical landscaping would solve most of these perceived problems. The intelligence of this man can be seen in his comment to a Chinese audience about his delight in shooting pigs from a helicopter(as reported in the Newcastle Herald). I urge the group to stop this retrograde step and Save Our Rail.

Thanks

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