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To whom it may concern:-

The Manager, Centres and Urban Renewal
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As stressed in your renewal proposals, Newcastle is indeed a Regional Centre and as such relies heavily on the movement of residents and others in and out of the city area.

1 -The plan seems to ignore the needs of University students and staff to frequent newly developing facilities, many of whom will be travelling from outside the city area.

2 - Elderly residents and people with mobility difficulties will be required to transfer from rail to bus services to travel to activities in the city area. In planning for the future, it would be anticipated that the numbers will increase with the nature of our ageing population and the increases of patronage of public transport.

3 - Family groups or parents travelling with babies or toddlers in prams, strollers, etc., will again be required to alight from one form of transport, then get aboard another means of public transport - especially inconvenient in the evening or inclement weather.

If our city area is to capitalise on its location near our beautiful beaches and harbour, for special events, celebrations, festivals and weekend outings to museums, etc. then it would appear that rapid movement of large numbers of people is essential.

This will not be achieved by removal of one of the most efficient systems, being an improved heavy rail system. One only has to experience New Year's Eve events in Sydney.

Proposals for East End, Civic and West End are certainly not reliant on removal of our rail network

Is your proposal for the residents or for the benefit of developers?

Yours sincerely,

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