

urbanrenewal - Saving the rail into Newcastle

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To The Manager
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The rail corridor into Newcastle station is a highly valuable public transport corridor.

Five days a week, twice a day (along with many other commuters) I travel between Newcastle and Tuggerah station for work.

I have paid \$60 for a weekly ticket for the past 2 years. I have tolerated the crazy people and I have endured the substantial increase in cityrail delays.

The one and only positive of commuting by train to Newcastle is the fact that there is no switch in trains. Switching trains/buses is a huge inconvenience to deal with on a daily basis along with the dramas commuters already deal with.

If you take away that one positive from commuters there is no incentive to work in Newcastle and we might as well find work elsewhere.

I am a 23 year old from the Central Coast and I also know without a train line into Newcastle there is no incentive to choose Newcastle for a "night out", or stay in Newcastle for the weekend, i.e. staying in hotels and spending our money shopping.

No train, no customers.

If it is to change, a substantial decrease in train tickets would be the only incentive that would entice me to stay at my job in Newcastle.

Kind regards,

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