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I am expressing my disappointment with the plan that the Newcastle rail line will be cut in the near future and will not travel beyond Wickham Station. I work at the University of Newcastle and have just read the VC's announcement that the University has been successful in obtaining support from the Australian Government of \$30 million through the Education Investment Fund (EIF) Regional Priorities Round to establish the NeW Space Precinct in the city. This is within the area beyond Wickham Station.

In 2011, the NSW Government pledged \$25 million towards the project, and our State Member for Newcastle, Tim Owen, has been unflagging in his support for a University presence in the city.

How then, will students and staff members travel to the city with ease if the rail line is cut? They will use their cars. But where will they park? Even if the University provides for a number of parking spaces, this will no way provide access at different times of the day and night for all staff, students and visitors.

I feel that in light of the announcement for funding for the University, the city and governments are not working together to progress this city as it should be progressed. From my perspective, cutting the rail line will create more problems with Newcastle, where people will definitely not plan to visit. The city will not be renewed or renewable if the rail line is cut.

Regards

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