

urbanrenewal - Submission on Newcastle urban strategy

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I would like to make the following submission regarding the Urban Renewal Strategy:

I am totally against the cutting of the rail line into Newcastle and the replacement of the service with same old recycled CBD buses for the following reasons:

- The buses are a third world solution that would be seen as an embarrassment by any visitor or resident
- Lack of public consultation before a decision was made
- Increased traffic and smog in our city
- Inconvenience to Public Transport users (we should be encouraging the use of Public Transport, not making it harder for the user).
- The latest surveys show that 75% of the community and over 50% of CBD Business owners want the rail line to stay
- The future planning should include public Transport, not deismantle it
- This is all about a land grab and if it wasn't, why can't we have a rail based solution as the people want.
- There has been no evidence that the Rail line is killing the CBD, the real reason for decline of the CBD is the fact that Charlestown Square and Garden City Shopping Centres have been built and you can shop under cover without paying for parking (under 3 hours in most cases, where the CBD you have to pay the minute you park)
- The only winners are developers who want the rail land to build on.

Regards

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