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Dear sir/madam,

The part of the Strategy that is most beneficial to the renewal of Newcastle is its coverage of public domain treatments including the work around Wheeler Place, the west end of Hunter Street and Cottage Creek. Successful density increase in the City Centre hangs on the quality of its public domain. The traditional CBD is unlikely to compete with the suburban centres such as Charlestown and Kotara, so the key attraction of the CBD will be the quality of its built and natural environment, and proximity to jobs and transport.

Widening the footpath around Bank Corner and capping Cottage Creek to be used for passive open space will improve the public realm in the area. Capping the Creek will activate new space in key areas around Marketown and the Bellevue Hotel. It may be useful to investigate in the next step that during the Pasha Bulker storm 2007 large items such as shipping containers were trapped in the Creek and blocked water flowing back into the harbour. Perhaps this aspect of the city's drainage system could be taken into account in the design stage of capping Cottage creek.

Yours sincerely



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