

**urbanrenewal - Opposed to Newcastle Rail Closure**

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I am opposed to the NSW Government decision to close the rail line from Wickham to Newcastle.

I live in Maitland and my family use the rail network into Newcastle on a regular basis, if this line were to close it would severely disrupt our transport needs. I am in favour of renewing the city centre but I know this can be done with the rail line intact. I have lived overseas and have seen the success of inter city rail and city to city rail. Cutting the line at Wickham doesn't make any sense especially with the development of the University campus unless of course your a developer and own land either side of the rail corridor. The Liberal's, my local member Robyn Parker, promised this line would be kept open - how sad she hasn't had the guts to stand up for her constituents.

People who use the rail are from all walks of life, students, elderly, business people and families and for those who are disadvantaged it's a lifeline. Please don't close the rail line into the city is extremely important to the people of Maitland .

Yours sincerely Gena, Ian and Jake Parker