

## urbanrenewal - Re Removal of Newcastle Train line

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To whom it may concern,

I would like to voice my opposition to the removal of the train line into Newcastle Station.

I am currently the manager of Newcastle Beach YHA and the train line provides valuable access for our guests. At only \$8 one way from Sydney, the train is a valuable incentive to draw potential customers from Sydney to Newcastle. We actively promote the train access as a way to travel to our backpackers hostel. Newcastle station is an easy walk away.

We also provide accommodation for a large number of students, both Australian and international before they find permanent accommodation in Newcastle. The train line provides the most convenient and fast access to the university from Newcastle. With the go ahead for the inner city campus, I can only see this demand increasing.

As we do not have a car park, and all parking spaces near the hostel are for a maximum of 2 hours, at a cost of \$8 we rely on guests who use public transport.

I do wish to see Hunter street renewed however I feel this is the wrong way to go about it.

Thankyou,

Damian Parkhouse  
Manager Newcastle Beach YHA