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Re: Newcastle Rail

Dear Sir / Madam

I wish to submit my disapproval of the removal of the Newcastle Rail line.

To remove the line will cause major disruption for commuters. The aged and disabled, young mothers, youth, etc will find it very difficult to alight at an alternative station, with walkers, luggage, prams, etc, and then need to board another form of transport to access the Newcastle precinct.

Living in a rural area the train to Newcastle is an alternative and vital link for our community members. Many of our towns' residents are aged and find it difficult to drive to the Newcastle area for appointments, etc. The train line is our communities' only form of public transport.

I believe to remove the Newcastle line will take away from the economic value of the Newcastle urban centre. It is now very difficult to secure parking in the Newcastle district and by removing the rail the parking situation and traffic congestion will escalate.

With talk of a university in this district the need for rail transport will be vital for students.

To remove infrastructure that is in place, alleviates traffic congestion and parking, and gives a reliable form of transport for the community reflects a government who are putting developers needs before the communities.

Regards
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