

urbanrenewal - NEWCASTLE URBAN RENEWAL STRATEGY

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Today Newcastle's *The Herald* announced the Federal grant for the inner-city campus of the University of Newcastle.

The local council has already started demolition of the buildings targetted for this campus.

The university vice-chancellor was quoted as saying that detailed planning would now go ahead to the next stage.

The Herald estimated 3200 students and staff would be pouring into the city daily. Other small businesses will follow to offer their services to this potential market.

There is no available parking for cars nearby. Public transport will be critical for the efficient movement of all these people.

The State government needs to retain the rail line to Newcastle Station as Civic Station is just across Hunter Street from this proposed campus.

Many of the students of this new campus will be looking at affordable shared accommodation in nearby suburbs. Those on the rail line will be very attractive.

As more residential redevelopment occurs in Newcastle's CBD and eastend, following a consistent pattern in recent years, the rail line will be a more used community asset.

As tourism also grows, via the expansion of aviation and passenger shipping, having a rail link to central Sydney from central Newcastle will enable the integration of all tourism services.

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