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To the Manager and Board of Directors,

Please do not cut the rail to Newcastle. There is a lot of older people like myself that catch the train from Newcastle

A lot of the older generation catch the train from and back to newcastle station from Sydney, MAitland, Dungog, Patterson etc

I recently met my grandson and a dozen of his friends at Newcastle station from there trip to Bali. It was a sunday and at least 100 people got off obviously going to NEwcastle beach.

Newcastle was voted by the backpackers bible "The Lonely Planet" as the 6th best city in the world to visit. AND they all come by train. We have two backpackers hostels at the top of newcastle, one is the YHA is a world wide organisation.

Tim Owens stated recently that only 80 people went to Sydney for the rally at Paliament house. I was at that rally and I counted at least 200.

The likes of Owen and McCloy are deceiving this government, they obviously have their own agenda. Lord mayor McCloy is SUPPOSE to listen to the people he represents. He refuses to even meet with us. HE is a developer and owns many buildings that back on to the rail in Newcastle, we can all see where that is going.

The Young people of tomorrow need that line to go to the beach and clubs, the rail is NOT stopping the developemnt of the city of NEwcastle, I go into Newcastle at least 3 times a week and see 100's of people there shopping, we have a great little shopping centre, the only reason some shops are closing is because of the rental costs souring and the parking being so expensive.

Please do not cut the line, listen to the people not the developers and hierarchy that never catch a train. sincerly

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