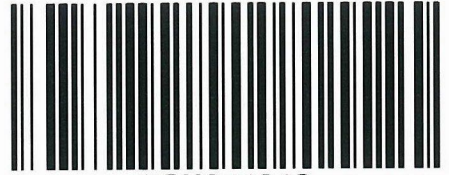


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Dear Sir,

I attended the 2-4 PM Information Session on the Revitalising Newcastle plan held yesterday in the Newcastle Town Hall.

I was astonished at the rude, aggressive, arrogant behaviour of many of those present, during question time, especially by elderly members of the audience.

It was an introduction for me to Newcastle mob behaviour as we retired here from Tamworth 7 years ago. Generally we find Newcastrians kind & polite.

Yesterday there was an anti-authority arrogance on rampant display. It made me think of the antics of Trade Unionism, in which many would have been immersed in their working lives, in the 1950s, 60s etc. in heavy industry in this city at that time.

They bellowed about not being consulted on the termination of the inner city railway. Nonsense! There has been discussion on that subject for at least 10 years.

The NSW Cabinet was fully justified in coming to their decision. It is welcomed by younger members of the community & also recent arrivals to Newcastle.

The Department & government deserve to be complimented on their work. Please do not be deterred by the cheeky, nonsensical behaviour of those who abuse the consultative process.

Yours, faithfully
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