

urbanrenewal - Intended closure of the Newcastle Rail Line.

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I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed closure of the rail line from Broadmeadow to Newcastle. The O'Farrell Government's decision to abandon this vital piece of public transport infrastructure is difficult to comprehend. In times where cities world wide are building rail lines to connect their city centres to the suburbs and to other cities, it is a retrograde step to remove a line that delivers passengers from the Hunter Region and from Sydney, to the heart of Newcastle's CBD.

This proposal will also disadvantage the residents of Stockton who now enjoy an easy connection from the ferry to Newcastle Station, for trains to Sydney and other destinations. What will they have to do if the Newcastle Line is closed? Transfer to a bus at the ferry terminal and then change again for a train at Broadmeadow? This will add at 30 minutes to their travel time, if not more!

I urge you to advise the O'Farrell Government to reverse the decision to close the Newcastle Line, to stop the certain death of what remains of the CBD.

Regards,

Colin Schroeder.