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The Planning Minister

Brad Hazzard MP

Liberal Party

Dear Sir

12 APR 2013

As a ratepayer of

Lake Macquarie for 40 yrs living in Newcastle, I am concern about the closing of our rail line in Newcastle.

I am a pensioner without a car (a lot of us dont have a car, so I travel on trains all over our state of NSW.

We should keep our trains not close these public transport systems of 150 yrs in our state.

These rail lines have developed our state, for public use, and we need to keep our rail system, what will happen when in years to come petrol dries up (no cars) then how do we move people around.

But town died in 1964 we built Jesmond centre then Kotara in 1965 then 1970 charlestown shopping centre, Hunter St was doomed as a shopping centre, not a fault of our rail service to town.

We need a good rail service in Newcastle for our great beaches, great foreshores Nobby's headlands, Merewether surf etc.

We need good rail service for people coming up from Sydney, Central Coast, tourism to our great valley to our vineyards in cessnock and Maitland rich in history of Steam (not our Trains History)

We could get the 4 crossing out of the rail into Newcastle this would give the car in the town room to move around. (no hold ups of traffic)

The Wickham rail crossing at Stewart Ave was to be a bridge over the line in the 1980, the government bought houses in Wickham to improve the traffic to Carrington, Islington This could be done to-day as a project must cheaper than

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than a train & Bus interchange,
terminating at Wickham.

The Beaumont crossing could be
closed, with a new Bridge over the line
near the Wickham bridge. Some land
near the Hamilton Station could be
used as a new Bridge overpass to
Islington, and Marylands, & Wickham.

This would make Beaumont St
a mega shopping centre.

Why spend money taking out
the rail the government build around
the rail is a must for our area.

With the building of the Law
courts in the Civic and the growing
treat to bring the N/Cle University
to this area the rail transport is
needed.

Yours Sincerely

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