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I wish to protest about the proposed closure of this historic line.

I live near Fassifern and frequently use the railway to go into the centre of Newcastle for dining, meeting friends, the cinema and for various festivals.

Part of the pleasure of these outings is the trip on the train. It is quick and enjoyable.

The thought of having to get out en-route and change over to a bus is truly awful....why would you WANT to downgrade a service rather than improve it ?

Can you imagine the furore if you decided to terminate the rail line at Strathfield and made everyone get out and catch a bus into Sydney CBD ?

Well it is no different for us Novocastrians.

I feel for travellers (especially those coming from Sydney and the Airport Link) when they feel they are almost at their destination in Newcastle, then have to offload with all their luggage onto a bus.

Shame on you.....Barry O'Farrell and the Liberal Members in the Hunter.

After all it is really just about PROFITS for the Developers isn't it ?

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