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To: Public Hazzard's Office Email
Cc: enquiries@hwns.com.au
Subject: Newcastle heavy rail

Dear Minister Hazzard,

I noticed on the news a couple of days ago that the NSW Government is planning to stop the Newcastle rail line at Wickham & replace the service with buses from Wickham to the current "end of the line" in Newcastle City.

Before anyone finalises these plans, I would like you to place yourself in a wheelchair & attempt the transfer from a railway carriage to a bus. Then, if you have any empathy at all with persons in wheelchairs, you may reconsider your proposal and take this into account with your plans.

I realise that the sale of this rail corridor will net the NSW Government a huge amount of money, but it should not be at the expense of members of the public who rely on this method of transport.

To remove railway lines is a backward step.

Kind Regards,

John Staker, Dungog, NSW