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Submission on NEWCASTLE URBAN RENEWAL STRATEGY

There are many reasons to retain the main passenger line into Newcastle, not have just a cheap West End terminus. Here are some that others may not emphasise.

1. The two railway beaches at Newcastle are the only ones between Cronulla and the North Coast. It will greatly reduce the attractiveness of the whole passenger rail system to lose them. Bus beaches are common and certainly not a substitute given the ability of rail to easily handle crowds, surfboards and other equipment.
2. If expansion of tertiary education is planned for just east of Stewart Avenue then large flocks of students would be trying to cross the arterial road. An elevated Wickham station spanning the road would give easy pedestrian access to both sides.
3. The Market Street walkway could be rebuilt to give access to an elevated western concourse for the existing Newcastle station. As with 2 above this increases the pedestrian radius served and it improves the rail link to the ferry.
4. The East End should be developed as a tourist headquarters, particularly for backpackers. The beaches, ferry, rail, bus terminal, and old converted buildings would all synchronize.