

urbanrenewal - NewcastleUrban Renewal Strategy

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To whom it may concern,

I would like to express concern at the suggestion of removing the rail line from Newcastle. The Newcastle Urban Renewal Strategy 2012 CAN and SHOULD be implemented with the RAIL line INPLACE! The excessive cost of over \$650 million is unnecessary, and inconvenient for commuters, especially mothers with small children & strollers, people with disabilities and the elderly, and teenagers with surfboards, all would all find it difficult, frustrating and cumbersome if the line were removed.

Newcastle city station is a wonderful historic station taking people to the city centre, the beautiful foreshore, the ferry to Stocton, and an easy walk to the beach. Often while commuting to & from Sydney/Scone I stop at Newcastle for shopping, a walk along the beach or foreshore to break the journey. I enjoy the easy relaxing access to these areas as opposed to the confinements & bustle and difficulty with access in Sydney.

Newcastle station has unique asset with having a rail line to both the city and beach at one stop, surely this could be promoted!

PLEASE retain

this valuable asset, sincerely Joanne van Hees