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The Manager Centres & Urban Renewal Department of Planning & Infrastructure PO Box 39 SYDNEY NSW 2001

Dear Sir,

CLOSURE OF NEWCASTLE TRAIN LINE.

The closure of the Newcastle train line I believe would be a retrograde step that:

- Places unreasonable inconvenience of travellers to the Eastern section of the City. Transferring to another transport mode by the disabled, the elderly and women with small children is of particular concern.
- Increases the production of emissions generally and specifically to the City Centre affecting both green house and public health problems.

I also believe that the proposal is driven by the self interest of a small group and is not in the interest of the community. I strongly oppose any move to close this rail line.

Yours faithfully,

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