

urbanrenewal - Newcastle rail line closure.

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What is the REAL reason for the wish to close the line. I have the feeling that the main reason for it's closure by some powerful people pushing for it is, not for the improvement of Newcastle and its people. I suspect that seizure of the land once the rail is removed will be the prime reason. I envisage a few high-rise buildings being suddenly built along the old rail tracks. Buildings similar to the ones which now ruin the parts of the foreshore. If the rail line is to be dismantled it should only be done after the future plans for the vacant land has been revealed to, and accepted by, the community. You can bet your life that Developers and real estate have already made plans to cash in on this valuable land. Plans for the future of the rail land must be seen BEFORE any thought of dismantling is considered. It will mean the future safeguard of our foreshore which is a most valuable part of Newcastle.

Let us see the future plans before any alteration is made. Who can we trust?

Ron Williams.