

**urbanrenewal - closure of Newcastle rail line**

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Dear Madam/Sir,  
 It has been brought to my notice that

ALL WORK ON THE UPGRADE OF SIGNALLING BETWEEN BROADMEADOW  
 AND NEWCASTLE HAS CEASED AS OF LAST THURSDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2012. UP  
 TILL NOW THAT UPGRADE HAD BEEN CONTINUING.

Also

2 WEEK CLOSURE OF LINE FOR "TRACKWORK" STILL GOING AHEAD FOR END  
 APRIL.

So what is going on here? Are they preparing to dismantle the line?

It was only yesterday that we heard the University of Newcastle had received \$30 million from the Federal Government to construct a new building at Civic to house the University's Faculty of Law and Business. Estimated student numbers are more than 2000. So how do these students and staff get to Civic if its station is closed down. Where would they park their cars all day? How many public buses would be need to transport these students around?

Just how shortsighted is the NSW Government? Why pander to the developers? We need to retain our existing public transport system and upgrade it. In this case it could be to tram-trains.

Best wishes

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### **Federal Public Debt is Private Wealth**

When there is an external deficit then in aggregate,  
 when the Federal Government runs surpluses the NON-GOVERNMENT sector will be forced into  
 running down savings and creating deficits with resulting increases in unemployment;  
 when the Federal Government runs deficits the NON-GOVERNMENT sector can save and  
 unemployment drops.  
 This follows from the national accounts and is backed by empirical evidence.