

The Hon. Brad Hazzard, M.P.
Minister for Planning and Infrastructure NSW
Level 31 Governor Macquarie Tower
1 Farrer Place
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Minister Hazzard,

**RE: REJECT PROPOSED HIGH RISE DEVELOPMENTS IN NEWCASTLE'S
HERITAGE CITY CENTRE**

Many Newcastle residents support the 2012 Local Environment Plan and Development Control Plan – the strategic vision and planning guidelines for Newcastle's future development.

However, recent planning amendments presented by developers GPT and UrbanGrowth on 5 March 2014, are totally unexpected and unacceptable. Massive changes were foreshadowed to the 2012 planning guidelines. They revealed significant over-development plans for historic Newcastle East, including three high-rise apartment towers in the midst of the heritage Hunter Street Mall precinct. The new proposals ignored previous planning considerations that shaped the 2012 planning documents, carefully protecting Newcastle's unique legacy.

I urge you to reject the March 2014 amendments to the 2012 Development Control Plan for revitalization of Newcastle. The amendments are excessive, inappropriate (no high rise in heritage city centre); will cause loss of significant heritage views of the city; cause severe overshadowing of the lower historic Hill district; will add greatly to the inner city's parking problems, and will destroy the unique heritage character of Newcastle's city centre forever.

I reject the March 2014 amendments to the 2012 DCP for Newcastle East.

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Date 3 April 2014

Important: Your submission must be lodged by Friday 4 April 2014