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The Hon. Brad Hazzard, M.P.  
Minister for Planning and Infrastructure  
Level 31 Governor Macquarie Tower  
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Dear Minister Hazzard,

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

There are many Novocastrians who support the 2012 Local Environment Plan and Development Control Plan – the strategic vision and planning guidelines for Newcastle's future development. Much consideration went into these plans and they sought to protect Newcastle's unique cultural heritage.

Recently, there have been amendments presented by developers GPT and UrbanGrowth. I find these massive amendments unacceptable. On 5 March 2014, GPT and UrbanGrowth revealed plans which included three high rise towers in the vicinity of the heritage Hunter Street Mall. These new proposals completely ignore the previous considerations which shaped the 2012 planning documents.

I most strongly urge you to reject the March 2014 amendments to the 2012 Development Control Plan for revitalisation of Newcastle. The amendments are excessive and completely inappropriate for Newcastle. If completed, these changes will cause:

- significant loss of heritage views,
- profound overshadowing of the historic lower Hill district,
- increased traffic congestion,
- a great decrease in parking availability and
- permanent destruction of the unique heritage character of Newcastle's city centre.

Yours sincerely,



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