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Growing Hunter City Draft Plan - Concerns:

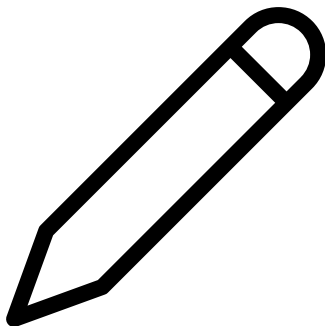
* has no relationship to what's actually happening 'on the ground', particularly the government's proposed merger of Newcastle and Port Stephens Councils. Two concurrent proposals seems contradictory - a version of,'Utopiia'.

*very little attention the the fact Newcastle residents in large numbers object to the health impacts associated with coal dust and also its impact on the biodiversity of wetlands near the coal train route.

*draft plan doesn't provide specific plans or proposals to build better connection between city ad urban areas and completely ignores the fact that the NSW government recently ripped out the rain connection to the Newcastle CBD

*modest funding of \$340million from the 98year lease of the Port of Ncle to revitalise Newcastle totally inadequate

*great deal of 'envisaging', with no 'hard core' commitments and acknowledgment of responsibilities by NSW government. Dearth of specific plans, even lack of a vision.



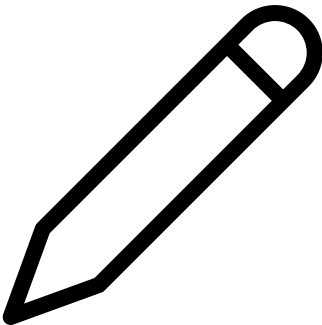
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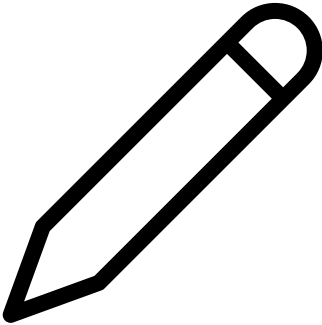
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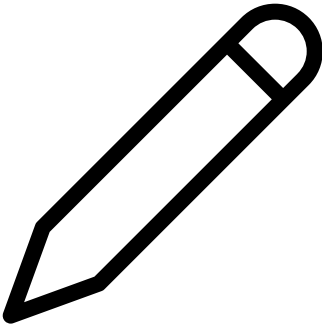
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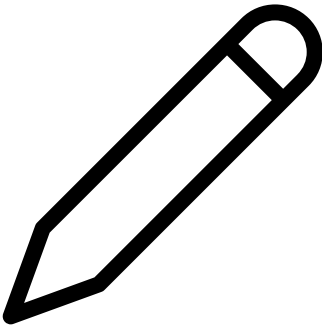
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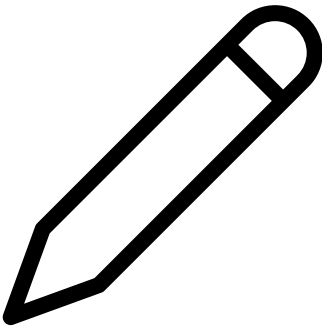
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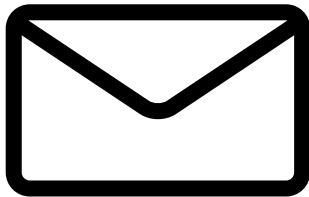
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Concerns:

*Priority seems to be expansion of coal industry & CSG -nearly 1/3 of plan devoted to fossil fuel industry.

*public transport comes a poor second to fossil fuels - transport development will be to support coal, it seems

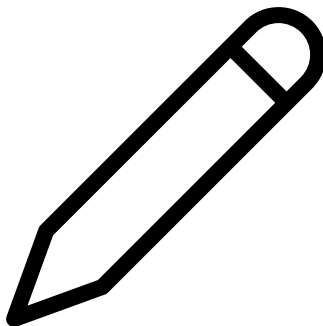
*environmental preservation a low priority by State Government

*direct impact on forests under the draft plan are high.

Maps show coal mining titles/licences cover most of state forests in the region - this plan endangers the health of Hunter region residents and denies them recreational and green spaces

*plan proposes the use of a risk model around water quality, rather than strict rules in place, protecting waterways of the Hunter

*climate change considerations are minimal, with no detailed plan to cap emissions at 2degrees



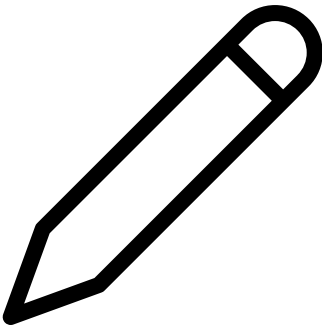
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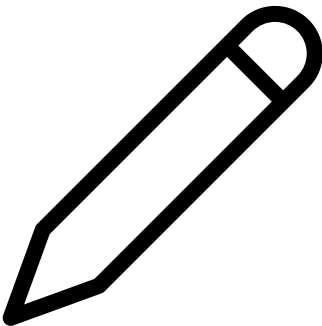
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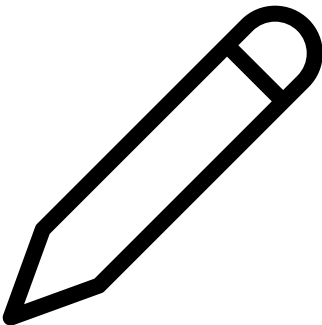
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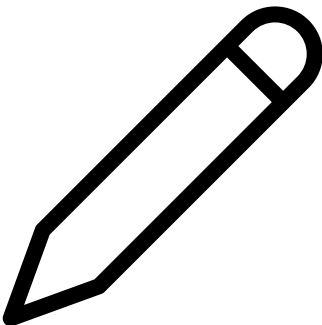
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