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**Subject:**

FW: Infrastructure

It takes 1.5 hrs driving to get to the hunter from Sydney - the easiest & shortest way - drinking and driving, a recipe for disaster.

Cessnock desperately need direct fast rail access from Sydney & Newcastle - having to go thru Morisset or Maitland and catching another infrequent bus is tedious and takes all day! There are lots of tourists, interstate visitors, families, retirees etc who would frequent the hunter more if there were faster direct rail services.

If the State Govt wants Tourists to frequent this Region and stimulate its economy, they need to develop Cessnock - the gateway to the Hunter. From Cessnock there could be regular FREE tourist buses during the weekend to the Upper and Lower Hunter regions.

Sincerely