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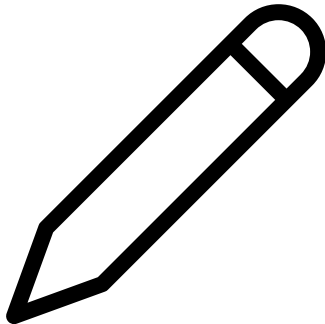
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The Draft plan appears to ignore a number of important features of the Cessnock area.

1. There is little, if any regard, to the greater access which is provided by the Hunter Expressway. As a result of this road, the Kurri, Cessnock and Branxton areas are much closer to Newcastle. The plan does not appear to address the potential for development close to the Expressway, which appears to be logical. For instance, there is no mention (that I could find) of any potential for opening up other exits for the road. Eg you can enter the Expressway from Weston, going to Newcastle, but not travelling up the valley towards Singleton.

2. There is no mention of any potential development for the former Hydro Aluminium site at Weston (Loxford). This site would provide potential for significant industrial development just off the Hunter Expressway, less than half an hour from Wallsend. The closure of that site meant the loss of a significant number of jobs and redeveloping that site in some way may lead to the reemployment of many of those people.

3. The Hunter Expressway already makes the new development of Huntlee very accessible by road to Newcastle, and yet Huntlee does not appear to have been discussed in the report. That development could potentially house a very significant number of people, and it represents a very important development in this area, but it seems to have been ignored in this plan.

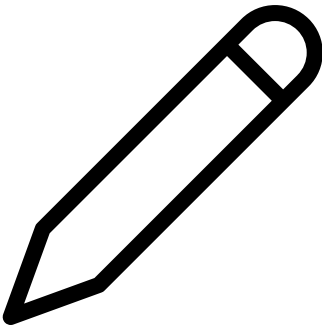


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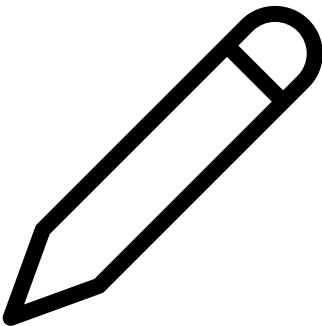
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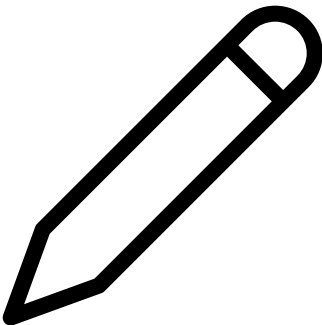
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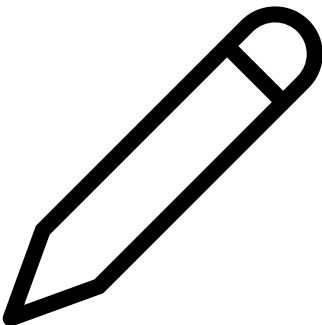
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