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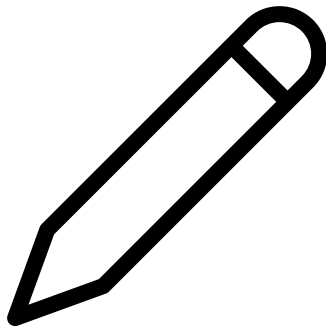
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The Draft Hunter Regional Plan has many positives as it gives an indication about where the State government sees growth in the region. However there is an astonishing lack of information about projected transport developments and corridors that other government agencies have flagged over the past decade as coming developments. The two most flagrant omissions are any mention of how the millions of visitors to the Williamstown airport will be able to be served by public transport especially rail, and how that will connect to Sydney. the other omission is mention of any proposed heavy freight rail bypass of Newcastle. There is an environmental concern that this line might pass through the Hexham Swamps and put this environmentally important and sensitive area under threat.

The Draft lacks vision by showing little support for developing Newcastle as a smart city; despite recent conferences that indicate that this region is committed through its LGAs to becoming a smart city; despite the vibrant entrepreneurial community developing clean energy applications and industries at a faster rate than any other municipality in Australia. The Draft lacks detail and commitment to supporting the growth of green corridors in the region which will be vital for conservation purposes as the lowlying region faces the coming climate and sea level changes associated with global warming



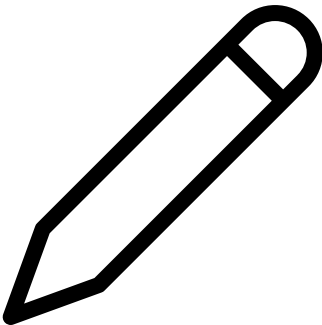
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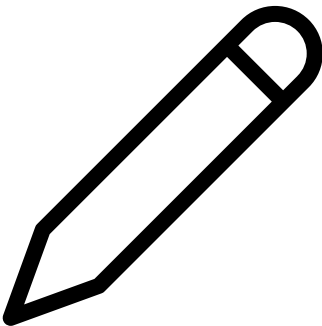
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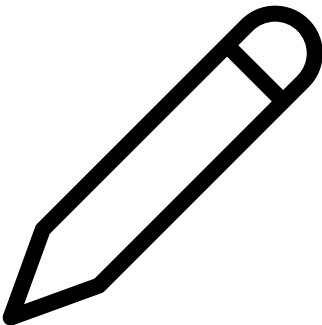
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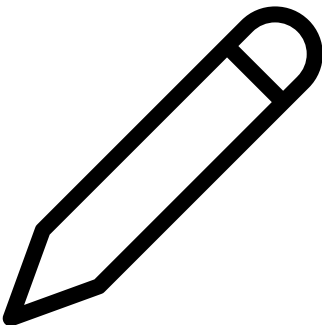
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