

**Submission  
No 192**

**INQUIRY INTO PLANNING PROCESS IN NEWCASTLE  
AND THE BROADER HUNTER REGION**

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Reverend the Hon Fred Nile MLC

Dear Reverend Nile,

We hope for your support in overturning a very unpopular and flawed decision made by the NSW State Government to terminate the Sydney rail line to Newcastle at Wickham.

There is no "improvement of public transport" rationale in this proposal. If this decision is not reversed it will be at a great cost to the public, the winners being the future developers of the rail corridor. The cost of dismantling a serviceable and well used heavy rail infrastructure is enormous. Huge profit making development is obviously the intent to justify this cost.

You are aware of all the issues involved here but basically I ask how can NSW's 2nd largest city, with new law courts and a university campus already being built, and many more plans for increased population density, be deprived of its inner city rail link?

The light rail is a distant dream which has not been approved, yet from December 26th, all commuters will be required to catch buses down an already busy stretch of road with traffic lights at all the many intersections.

The "revitalised" city is supposedly to be less car dependant due to cost and space restraints for parking, yet a rail service is being removed, bicycle riding is made more dangerous with increase in bus services and a rail corridor is being destroyed.

Thank you for your unbiased assessment and input  
Yours sincerely Anna Enno Sent from my iPad