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

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Dear Teresa McMichael,

I've lived in a few cities globally and though Newcastle has potential it suffers from small town myopia.

The so-called protests re: height limits is ridiculous. Eg one development in King St [CBD] is in a crappy part of town. It can only enhance the area.

The height restrictions re the Church is archaic [and laughable].

The plan for the CBD is a beginning and should not be an end. One block of units got curtailed because some yuppie yoga people complained their view would be ruined and the Council fell for it! This is ridiculous. When doing yoga the view has nothing to do with mindfulness. And if it does affect-effect them then they're not doing yoga right. It is a city not a village.

The mall whilst OK should not have cars driving through it. Ridiculous.

Keep the rail. Add a station between Civic and Wigham for the uni-tech students.

Close off Hunter St at Wickham. Turn it into a Parisian streetscape of cafes bars venues restaurants pubs. and trees

More units unlimited height. The city is dead at night because of lack of people. And the suburbanites watch reality tv.

I did a semester of urban geography at uni and got a credit as well [credentials here]

As for greening the city high rise reduces the horizontal spread of housing dysturbia wrecking nature.

Thanks for the opportunity

Lutz Barz