

**Submission
No 233**

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

Name: Mr John Cooper

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Dear Sir/ Madam

I am aware that the King Edward Headland Reserve was spot re-zoned to make it an exception to the rule that applies to RE1 Land in the Newcastle 1012 LEP that excludes function centres. I have been informed by the Friends of King Edward Park Inc. that the proposal to change the LEP was rejected by Council but that the alteration was written into the new LEP by a process that was not transparent and did not involve community, in spite of the fact that there is strong public interest in the DA proposing the construction of a 450 capacity private function centre and car park on this iconic public property.

In the light of the recent ICAC investigation I request that the probity of this matter be examined by the Parliamentary enquiry.

Yours sincerely,
John David Cooper