

**Submission  
No 157**

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

**Name:** Mrs Marguerite Field

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Dear Sir/Madame

I am a housewife and mother of 2 teenage children who has lived in Scone for the past 15 years.

I would like to add my voice, and that of other families like ours in this area, appealing to NOT stopping the train link to Newcastle. We do not have facilities for teenagers in Scone and certainly if cars are not an option, (no license or no vehicle) the train is our link to beaches, shops, university, etc

Scone and it's surrounding small towns, are growing and our next generation of young people deserve to have a rail facility available to them. It is also a lifeline for older active citizens who need access to medical or other services that just are not available in our area.

It is extremely hard, unless you live in a small rural town such as Scone and surrounds to appreciate and understand how isolated, in many ways, we are.

Of course we love our safe and peaceful country life, but please don't take away our link to our city cousins!!