

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

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I don't think that this is the right approach. It does not make sense to stop the railway running between Hamilton / Broadmeadow and Newcastle city. It might be okay to stop the last section between Civic and Newcastle station in case there is development planned.

Public transport is an essential key to a functioning city, trains are more efficient than buses and more comfortable, too.

Many students ask for better public transport - also coming from Central Coast. Students, no experienced drivers, are sick of driving up and down the motorway or of waiting for buses. Others live in town and it would take them much longer time to commute to the university. Buses are often less frequent and less reliable.

A proper, fast train is wished, and the city network within in Newcastle needs to stay, too. You can't just ignore the mass of people that commutes to university every day and take what residents in Newcastle are used to