

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

Name: Ms Pam Mitchelhill

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Dear Teresa McMichael

I am concerned by the threat to terminate the Hunter Line at Wickham and the Central Coast Line at Broadmeadow. The present interchange at Hamilton provides a vital link for anyone doing anything in Sydney and returning the same day. It is the only way of arriving in Sydney before mid-day for anyone on the Hunter Line (visa applications in particular). The time available in Sydney was reduced by half an hour recently and there had been pressure for more services. The service is also widely used by people travelling with luggage and a double change, possibly involving a bus, would be extremely inconvenient.

All the reports I have heard relate to travel in and around Newcastle. I should be pleased if you would let me know what is proposed regarding this journey to Sydney for residents of the Upper Hunter.

Yours sincerely
Pam Mitchelhill