

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

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We left Newcastle (my phone wants me to write Beefcake) 10 years ago. Our families are still there.

Developers were lobbying to close the rail then, 10 years before that, and still today. Ironically, they marked out the old tracks in the honeysuckle "refurb" in the late 90s, and the tram line -- Just marked it mind, in that typically shallow historical Australian way.

Keep it open damn you! Further, put the red rattler back on it. Build a perfect wave reef off the break wall. Make Hunter St one way out and King St one way in. Increase parking, paths, parks and cycleways along both.

Flush out your dead head business precincts and their negatively geared visions. Resist the Sydney plebs and their shallow ideas ideas. Find the real visions and back them for at least 10 years. renew Newcastle authentically.

We might move back then. Good luck.