

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

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Hi

Regarding the light rail proposal for Newcastle. It is in the newspapers that the light rail train will have 10 minutes between services.

Now if the light rail train can carry 150 people, we have a problem at peak hour.

Workers usually finish work on the hour or half hour, so we have 400 workers finish work at 4.30pm. to move 400 workers will take 3 train loads. which means that a 100 workers need to wait 20 minutes before the train will leave Newcastle to take the workers onto the interchange at Wickham.

People finishing work at 4.30pm at Civic wanting to travel to the interchange will have to wait from 4.30 to 4.50 before there is an available vacancy on the train to transport them to the interchange.

Currently this is not a problem with the current rail system which transports all these people in less than three minutes

There should have been modelling done before setting out to destroy a good working transport system. You should check to see if modelling was done, for calculations say Light rail is a poor transport system compared to the current heavy rail.

I add that Hunter street gets grid locked with traffic in the afternoon without having a traffic lane with light rail. So light rail in Hunter street will become part of the grid lock meaning train time tables will not be met.