

**Submission  
No 313**

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

**Organisation:** Retired Mineworkers Association Westlakes Branch  
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The tools are down, but  
the flame still burns

THE RETIRED MINEWORKERS ASSOCIATION  
**WESTLAKES BRANCH**

President: Howard Trevethan

Secretary: Peter Keane

20<sup>th</sup> October 2014.

The Director of the Select Planning Process Committee in Newcastle

C/O. Parliament House

Sydney.

Dear Sir.

This Branch of the R.M.A. wish to inform you of our objection to the proposed cuts to the Newcastle heavyRail termination at Wickham Station. Member s of this branch are very strong about this exercise and feel that it is a backward step to aged and disabled in our region but WILLREGARDLESS TO INDIVIDUAL OPINIONS effect young families comforts to the top end of the city and also the citizens of the Westlake Macquarie area ..

The reports being handed down by the media are very controversial and leaves doubt about the existing rail corridor being utilized for the public use and indeed gobbled up by private enterprise for their own gain.

CUTS AND ALSO COSTING OF THIS VENTURE WE BELIEVE ARE NOT IN THE INTERESTS OF THE H UNTER COMMUNITY AND WE GIVE FORMAL NOTICE OF OUR DISPROVAL on this project and also the Ministers ATTITUDE to the community in general in our region

Peter Keane  
Secretary