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

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The suggestion of cutting the rail line at Wickham was going to be bad enough - with the increasing in flats in the city it is increasingly needed. When the university moves into the city, with only 5 car spaces and totally reliant on public transport, it will be even more relevant. But to cut the line at Broadmeadow would be totally detrimental to the city.

There is no doubt that the sale of the rail corridor will be a significant financial boost to the state government but this is no reason to have a detrimental effect on Newcastle. The city is growing and with the increasing in building approvals of flats and the new university campus the rail line is needed more than ever.

There has been no sufficient plan put forward for an alternative transport system, and any effective system would be so expensive it would not eventuate. The rail line should remain exactly as it is.

Tessa Morrison