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

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Hi

The Government is planning to spend \$360million on replacing a superior heavy rail infrastructure in Newcastle with light rail that has not got very good large volumes of people transporting capabilities.

This is bad planning. A better use of money is to spend \$120Million on lifting the heavy rail at Wickham over the Hannel street road where traffic gets held up by the rail movements.

Current superior rail transport is kept, and vehicle traffic flows in Newcastle are made better for a smaller cost than \$360Million to get a poor rail transport system