

**Submission
No 262**

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

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Chairman of the Select Committee on the Planning Process in Newcastle and the
Broader Hunter Region
Legislative Council
Parliament House, Macquarie Street
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Dear Reverend Nile,

I am responding on behalf of The GPT Group CEO Michael Cameron to your invitation to make a submission to the ***Inquiry on the Planning Process in Newcastle and the Broader Hunter region.***

GPT is an ASX-50 property group, which owns and manages assets across retail, office and logistics and business parks, and also undertakes selective development. Some of GPT's most notable assets in NSW include The MLC Centre in Sydney, the recently expanded Wollongong Central Shopping Centre and the award winning Rouse Hill Town Centre. GPT also owns a one-third stake in the Newcastle East End land holding, with the remaining two-thirds owned by *UrbanGrowth NSW*.

GPT has reviewed the terms of reference for the Inquiry and notes the specific focus on the consideration and assessment of:

- (a) *State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP) Amendment (Newcastle City Centre) 2014*
- (b) *the Newcastle Urban Renewal Strategy*
- (c) *the Whitebridge development plan in Lake Macquarie*
- (d) *DA 2014/323 – Newcastle East End Development*
- (e) *the decision to terminate the Newcastle rail line at Wickham and any proposal to construct light rail including along Hunter and Scott Streets, and*
- (f) *any related matters.*

As a part owner of the Newcastle East End land holding, GPT has made a number of submissions and applications related to items (a), (b) and (d) of the Inquiry's terms of reference. However, GPT has not been involved in the consideration and assessment of any of these submissions. As noted in the terms of reference, the consideration and assessment of these planning matters has been the responsibility of various stakeholders including State and Local Government agencies.

Should GPT be able to offer any further assistance to the Inquiry please do not hesitate to ask.

Yours sincerely,

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The GPT Group