

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

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I am a very concerned Individual regarding the changes that are going to occur very soon on the Newcastle Train Line Network - with the train line ending at Wickham NSW. This is a huge concern for me!!! The Newcastle Train line is apart of the Newcastle's history, and it will soon be gone forever. I honestly don't think things were thought through. This is not just about money, it's about people too!!!

This is going to have a huge impact on Newcastle. The Newcastle population will dramatically decline with the removal on the Newcastle train line as people will have limited access to public transport. People can change from train to bus to get directly into Newcastle, but what about the people who are less advantaged? The elderly? People who have Disabilities? People in wheel chairs? People who are Blind, or deaf? I can guarantee people will not continue to travel into Newcastle if these changes occur. Newcastle will slowly decline in population, and the history of Newcastle will be forever lost. The Newcastle train line is located near shops, near transport, beaches, and many venues people can access very easily. It's the perfect environment for people to get off the train, and to enjoy the Newcastle environment

I really would love to see the train line remain, and for the train line to stay for generations to come. It would be such a wonderful gift for the community if our beloved Newcastle Train line were to stay.

Please, if you could forward to the appropriate people it would be very much appreciated!

Thankyou for your time