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

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The proposed plans for Newcastle CBD are concerning. Community concerns have been ignored. Although there have been meetings held there was no opportunity for any significant discussion. Removing the rail whilst putting in high density housing is contradictory, unless there is planned profiteering with the incorporation of parking stations, given there is limited parking.

The previous Lord Mayor has stood to benefit from the proposed plans given his property interests.

NSW state government has investment in landcom, involved in Newcastle CBD development.

Building heights have been dramatically lifted with no significant community consultation with only developers to benefit.