

**Submission  
No 377**

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

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TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE PLANNING PROCESS  
IN NEWCASTLE AND THE HUNTER REGION.

From the outset I want to make it clear that I support good planning and sensitive development of Newcastle, based on widely accepted planning principles, which include evidence-based, public consultation and transparency of decision-making.

My submission addresses concerns about the lack of application of these principles with respect to the changes in planning instruments affecting development in Newcastle's CBD, and in particular as they effect GPT/Urban Growth NSW high-rise development proposal, the Newcastle East End Project - DA2014/323.

Specifically, my concerns relate to:

1. Misleading and deceptive practices relating to the public documents exhibited regarding the 2014 changes to the Newcastle urban renewal Strategy
2. Conflict of interest in the role of the Minister for Planning that may prevent a fair consideration of development proposals involving UrbanGrowth NSW.
3. Apparent suppression of key advice regarding high-rise tower development in Newcastle's East End.

Yours Sincerely  
Gael David OAM.

My computer has finally packed it up and I am forced to  
snail mail and cut and paste this submission.  
Never the less I hope my genuine concerns are taken into  
consideration.

Gael David OAM.