

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

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Hi

The current heavy rail in Newcastle is superior in moving people in and out of Newcastle, than the planned light rail.

To spend \$362million on a light rail that is not as good as the existing infrastructure, is a bad planning mistake. Planning for growth is needed.

Newcastle has events at the Newcastle Foreshore, and some 150 000 to 200 000 people attend these events. Now car parking in and around Newcastle is currently a problem, so when events that require large volumes of people moving in and out of Newcastle the planned light rail is not capable of moving the large number of people that attend events in Newcastle.

So with Light rail Newcastle is not capable of staging large crowded events of 50 000 or more. This means that Newcastle is not going to be the focus of the region for it is not capable of having large crowds in the city. Another city has to become the capital of the Hunter for Newcastle is not going to be the position of taking this role with light rail.