

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

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I am writing in support of keeping the rail line open to Newcastle. This is a convenient way of getting into Newcastle and I cannot see the point of changing to a bus at Wickham. This will simply make the journey longer and more costly.

As a teacher at Dungog, I know that many students travel into Newcastle by train to surf. My own children also did this from Beresfield. With no other transport alternatives, these young people will be disadvantaged if the rail does not continue to Newcastle.

Judith Smith