

**Submission  
No 206**

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

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To the Reverend Fred Nile MLC  
Select Committee on the Planning Process in  
Newcastle & The Broadview Hunter Region,  
NSW Legislation Council -

I write to you in regard to the obfuscation  
and lack of transparency in the planning  
process regarding the King Edward  
Park and the proposed use for private  
profit by a private developer - much against  
the public's 300+ objections: this is an  
appalling state of affairs which must be  
examined properly and the wishes of  
the public be guaranteed for the future.

This is a public place - essential to  
the future well-being of Newcastle and  
must not be allowed to fall into private  
hands for any reason. The non-transparent  
process must be brought to light!

Yours Sincerely

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