

**Submission
No 62**

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

Name: Ms Christine McLean

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I wish to submit my total opposition to the closure of the line from Broadmeadow to Newcastle. Thousands of commuters, shoppers, theatre goers and residents and, in my case, tourists would be completely disadvantaged and inconvenienced with such a preposterous proposal. Many of my customers, particularly from Port Stephens, drive to Stockton, take the ferry to Newcastle and the train to Morisset. How come I have not heard of this proposal through the media, from the Council or the Government? I heard of it via a phone call from a colleague from the Hunter Valley. Whatever has possessed Newcastle Council and Rail Authority to approve this I can only guess that much conniving has gone on within the ranks and, not to have let the public know fully, is, in my opinion, totally illegal. I trust that you will get many letters of this nature and that you will come to your senses and abandon this ridiculous scheme for the sake of all Novacastrians and millions of visitors to the City of Newcastle. Yours faithfully Christine G. McLean