

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

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I am a frequent traveller to Newcastle by train.

I have yet to appreciate the purpose of cutting the rail line at Wickham.

It will be inconvenient for me to get off at Wickham and arrange other transport to Civic and Newcastle. The train at Civic is particularly convenient to the tourist attractions of Newcastle....such as the museum, the maritime centre, plus the restaurants and harbour foreshore.

As recent resignations of the Lord Mayor and local MPs indicate some potentially corrupt behaviour which might have involved the decision making about the rail line I believe the Inquiry should recommend the Premier not act on major developments and sale of land until after the state election in March 2015.

This will contribute to rebuilding public confidence in our elected representatives and the processes of developing public assets and land.

Without that trust our democracy is worthless.