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

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I am of the view it is a gross waste of taxpayers money to terminate an existing and historically functional railway line at the proposed Hamilton. It will make it harder for young people to get to Nobbys and Newcastle beach arriving on one form of transport. This is a particular problem for the upper hunter and western lake macquarie. By comparison Sydney spends a fortune of taxpayer money putting in new railways even going to extra lengths to put them underground. They can't get enough of them. Why is Newcastle different? In my view it is in the interests of as yet unmasked private developers who already have their own plans to take advantage of the unused railway corridor for their own developments which are likely to be high rise in nature. The land under the unused railway corridor is the only place in Newcastle where extreme high rise developments (sky scrapers) can take place as there are no coal mine tunnels underneath and no subsidence problems. This I feel is the only reason that drives the current agenda. There is a complete absence of plans to build anything new. Common sense tells you something is wrong. They are just taking something away.

It's nothing short of a money grab by big business just waiting in the wings.

There is nothing to be gained by having to jump on a bus or a smaller train to complete the rest of the journey.

There is plenty to be gained by just leaving it alone and coming up with new ideas for something extra.

Newcastle you are being conned by very clever self-centered people. Please learn to read between the lines.

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