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

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High rise development should not be allowed in the small heritage precinct of Newcastle. It will ruin the place, ruin the skyline, ruin the views of current houses and buildings, plunge the streets into cold, dark, wind-tunnels like Sydney, and not for the greater good. Urban Growth and GPT and the NSW State Government has pulled a move bypassing democracy and open and transparent government again, to deliver to the developers what they want. The truncation of the rail-line, and then building of 5 'residential' towers, seeks to close Newcastle off to outsiders and make it a nice exclusive club by the sea and harbour for people with money who would like the peninsula all to themselves. The developers and NSW State Government are in a corrupted relationship, as evidenced by ICAC. It's about time Macquarie Street stopped pillaging Newcastle as it has always done.