

**Submission
No 370**

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

Name: Ms Karen Whitelaw

Date received: 24/11/2014

Dear Sir/ Madam

Re: King Edward Headland Reserve

The recent ICAC investigations have uncovered the possibility of gross corruption, particularly in Newcastle.

It has become even more imperative that the spot re-zoning of King Edward Headland Reserve be investigated by the Parliamentary enquiry for the following reasons.

1. King Edward Headland Reserve was spot re-zoned to make it an exception to the rule that applies to RE1 Land in the Newcastle 1012 LEP that excludes function centres.
2. The proposal to change the LEP was rejected by Council but the alteration was written into the new LEP.
3. This alteration was made through a process which was not transparent and did not involve the community in spite of strong public interest in

the DA proposing the construction of a 450 capacity private function centre and car park on this iconic public property.

In the light of these questionable changes and the recent ICAC investigation I request that the probity of this matter be examined by the Parliamentary enquiry.

Yours sincerely,

Karen Whitelaw