

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

Name: Ms Fiona Firth

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To the Reverend the Hon Fred Nile MLC
Select Committee on the Planning Process in Newcastle and the Broader Hunter
Region, NSW Legislative Council.

Dear Sir,

As a long time resident of inner Newcastle the conduct of the Newcastle City Council is a cause of great concern to me.

Why was the spot rezoning of KEHR allowed in 2012 thereby allowing a function centre to reside on Crown land??

Why is there no transparency of this change in rezoning?

Was there any illegal activity which led to the rezoning?

Why was there no community consultation prior to the decision to rezone this area?

In the light of recent ICAC investigations, please thoroughly investigate the above and provide answers to the residents of Newcastle and other areas of New South Wales which are worried about rezoning in their local areas.

Yours sincerely,
Fiona Firth.