

**Submission
No 105**

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

Name: Mr Richard Young AM

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Dear Mr Nile

Please accept my thanks for your successful endeavours to establish a Select Committee to examine the iniquitous processes by which serious planning decisions have been reached in Newcastle. I am outraged by several of these issues, but my present most serious concern is the proposed alienation of an integral portion of the King Edward Headland Reserve to enable a developer **to do exactly what has been proscribed by proper legislative controls**. I hope and request that the select Committee will support the submission of the Friends of King Edward Park by taking whatever steps are necessary to prevent this illegal alienation of important public land.

There are other matters, such as the truncation of the railway line and the increase in plot ratios to a large part of the old city centre which warrant far more serious consideration than they have been given so far, but the proper protection of the endangered boundaries of our heritage-listed King Edward Park is paramount.

Yours sincerely
Richard Young AM