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

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Thanks be to The Reverend and Honourable Fred Nile MLC for pushing forward with this enquiry. Your courage has given our community hope.

If you want a look at the most likely suspect behind the planning process being hijacked in Newcastle, look no further than Jerry Schwartz.

As far back as 2010 he told Herald journalists that Newcastle's rail corridor should be sold off and developed.

There are other news stories still online about him wanting his hands on Newcastle as a pet project to teach his son about development.

The Herald: Schwartz back on track for city investment
<http://www.theherald.com.au/story/1193749/schwartz-back-on-track-for-city-investment/>

Newcastle is a beautiful city with planning laws that took nearly 20 years to put in place after the 1989 earthquake brought our city to its knees. Once established those laws created confidence in the local business community and have seen Newcastle's CBD finally recover and begin to grow and prosper again.

Please tell Jeff McCloy and Jerry Schwartz that we do not want millionaires with questionable morals destroying our city's heritage and transport system for their own financial gain.

They think that because they are rich they can impose their view of how our city should look on us by bribing the State government to cut our rail line and over ride our local planning laws.

Jeff McCloy pretends he is a philanthropist but in reality for the short time he was in office he made petty and cruel funding cuts to services that effected the most vulnerable citizens of our town. He refused the small hire fee for chairs and a pa for a long established annual veterans memorial, cut the life saving season on our beaches and locked the poor kids in Beresfield out of the pool (their community fundraised for) in the summer heat. Beresfield is a poor outer suburb that has nothing except for a pool, golf course and train station nearby that the kids use to take their surfboards into town to go to the beach. Jeff has tried to take away all three.

These selfish men think they can take our inner city rail service (the only station close to the beach) because apparently only our kids and old people use it!

Why do kids and old people not matter? Because Jerry wants yet another hotel and Jeff wants a car park across the road from his pub that Jerry is going to help finance.

Your enquiry needs to understand that the old people and kids in our city are totally reliant on the train and the residents of the CBD want our local planning laws protected from the State government who are obviously in bed with these scurrilous crooks.

Good people in our community worked for years on these laws which recognize the need for development but also the needs of everyone in our community as well as our heritage, values and quality of life.

Please help restore our faith in the powers that rule our cities planning and let this man know that our town is not a school project for his son.