

**Submission
No 343**

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

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ATTENTION FRED NILE

RE TRUNCATION OF NEWCASTLE RAILWAY
LINE BETWEEN WICKHAM & NEWCASTLE

In response to your invitation for people in the Senate to express their opinions regarding the Railway Line as above & would make the following comments

1. If the University is to bring students into Newcastle near Civic Railway Station & very little parking in that area why cut a working Railway also The Newcastle Court House door to be completed near Darby Street will bring many people into that area. why cut a working Railway line near to these 2 venues.
2. Senate Street will be completed if the Light Rail line travels down the street. I remember the trams.
3. What about residents in outlying suburbs of Newcastle Lake Macquarie & Maitland & the Upper Hunter.
I travelled by train from Keswick

to Newcastle for work Monday to Friday
(15 years +) I would have hated to
have to get off the train & board
light rail at Wickham & travel such
a small distance on another means of
transport on a cold wet winter
morning especially & the extra time.

What about disabled & young
beachgoers with surfboards.

Frankly I feel sorry for them

4. I feel there are much needed
work projects to be carried out first
before cutting a workable railway.

5. I'm sure with some lateral thinking
the railway could be retained &
be beautified & landscaped with slowing
of drains & increased crossings.

There are many other places to
retain the line & open up the
harbour front.

I hope it is saved
Yours sincerely

Gene Mason.

I'm not given to writing to
Politicians but feel strongly about
this matter