DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Subject	NEWCASTLE HEAVY RAIL LINE			
Action	☐ For Information	☐ For	Decision	☑Letter for signature
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The attached draft ministerial correspondence response is submitted for the Minister's signature, if approved.

RECOMMENDATION

• That the Minister signs the attached letter, if approved.

CURRENT POSITION

- The NSW Government has been approached by landowners, investors and developers from Newcastle seeking a commitment from the NSW Government to the removal of the last two kilometres of the existing heavy rail line to Newcastle East.
- The letter from Mr Jeff McCloy, of the McCloy Group, puts dollar values on its projects currently on hold pending a commitment to remove the line.
- The Hunter Development Corporation has also prepared a briefing note on this matter (attached) which recommends the NSW Government endorse the position to terminate the rail line west of Stewart Avenue, Newcastle.

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