



Appendix one – Response from agencies

Response from Hunter & Central Coast Development Corporation



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Our ref: DOC18/935513
Your ref: D1827084/PA6615

5 December 2018

Ms Margaret Crawford
Auditor-General of NSW
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Dear Margaret

Performance Audit – Newcastle Urban Transformation and Transport Program

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Newcastle Urban Transformation and Transport Program Audit Report. Firstly, I would like to thank you and your team for the professional way in which the investigations were carried out.

We note the key findings and recommendations, in particular the recommendation to investigate expanding our heritage recognition and the need to implement a whole-of-government benefits plan.

I would also add, I firmly believe the Revitalisation program and the Light Rail has significantly contributed to the ongoing private investment in the city, creating significant short and long-term job growth and housing choice.

Yours sincerely

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Response from Transport for NSW



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Dear Ms Crawford

Thank you for the opportunity to consider and respond to the Performance Audit report on the Newcastle Urban Transformation and Transport Program.

Transport for NSW considers the Newcastle Urban Transformation and Transport Program an important program that is revitalising the city by strengthening connections between the city and the waterfront, creating employment opportunities, providing more public space and amenity, and delivering better transport.

Transport for NSW welcomes the opportunity the Performance Audit provides to optimise and improve the planning of future infrastructure programs.

Transport for NSW notes the recommendations for NSW Government agencies to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of future infrastructure programs when viewed in the context of the existing policy settings.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Staples', is written over the typed name.

Rodd Staples
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