



Greg Piper MP

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Lake Macquarie Transport Interchange Should be Top Priority

Greg Piper, Member for Lake Macquarie, last night told Parliament that constructing the Lake Macquarie Transport Interchange should be a priority.

In his speech, Mr Piper said that the new transport interchange would provide direct rail and road access to an existing major retail centre, a regional athletics facility and a major employment zone.

According to Mr Piper, a new railway station at Glendale would immediately attract some 1,500 users each day and this could grow to 6,000 by 2031.

“Stockland has advised Lake Macquarie City Council that the interchange would allow it to further develop its Glendale site, creating more than 2,780 jobs and doubling retail floor space,” Mr Piper said. “The interchange would be great for commuters and it would be great for local jobs.”

“Glendale is at the geographic and demographic centre of the Lower Hunter,” Mr Piper said. “Under government policy it will have 8,000 new jobs and 5,000 new dwellings by 2031.”

“The Cardiff industrial area employs some 16,000 people,” Mr Piper said. “A new road from Pennant Street to Glendale Drive would help business by improving access to the F3, the Pacific Highway and the Port of Newcastle.”

“So much attention has been paid to the Newcastle rail line, when the greatest benefit to public transport can be provided at Lake Macquarie,” he said. “Newcastle and Lake Macquarie have interlocking transport needs and there’s an increasing need for improved public transport for both areas.”

The text of Mr Piper’s speech can be found at:

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