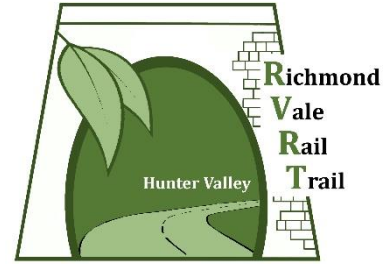


# Basic DA Submission Information for RVRT Supporters

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## Trail Information:

- The RVRT will be a **unique, multi-use, shared pathway** 'connecting Hunter Region communities, tourism and conservation areas'. The path will: be 40km long (including all connections); typically have a 3m width of sealed pavement; include access to three historic brick tunnels; and pass through Hunter Wetlands National Park, Pambalong Nature Reserve, and several State Conservation Areas.
- The **Newcastle LGA section of the RVRT** runs from **Shortland** (near the *Hunter Wetlands Centre*) to **Tarro** [utilising Hunter Water Corporation pipeline corridors] and from **Hexham** to **Lenaghan** (*Pambalong Nature Reserve*) [along the former Richmond Vale railway alignment], with connections to **Fletcher** and **Minmi**.

## Currently on Public Exhibition:

- The **Newcastle LGA section** ("**Shortland to Tarro and Pambalong**") is currently on exhibition by Newcastle City Council (**05/08/2020 to 02/09/2020**) – **Development Application DA2020/00641: Community Facility – Pathway**. The western trail section ("**Stockrington to Kurri Kurri**") requires separate reviews of environmental factors (REFs) by Cessnock and Lake Macquarie Councils, which are being prepared.
- As the Newcastle section impacts on **coastal wetlands**, an **Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)** has been prepared, which includes 14 Appendices (10 of which refer to the whole trail). Consequently, you are **free to refer to the Newcastle LGA section and/or to the trail as a whole in your submission**.
- For those who want more information about the trail, please refer to our '**RVRT Update #1**' document ([available on our website](#)). However, you can also **draw on your personal knowledge and experiences** in making a submission, since you may have already heard or read about the RVRT, or experienced similar trails elsewhere (e.g., cyclists, walkers, bird watchers, fun-runners, hikers, other community groups, etc).

## How You Can Help: Have your say and help make the RVRT a reality!

**DA Submission information:** "Any person, during the specified submission period, may make submissions to the City of Newcastle concerning the development application. Submissions must specify: the grounds of objection (if any); **quote DA2020/00641 in the title of the submission**; include the submitter's name, address and daytime contact number; and- where possible, an email address. Submissions must be made in writing and submitted via e-mail or post." (**E-mail submissions are preferred**).

**Current submission deadline: 5.00 pm, Wednesday 2nd September 2020**

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We **encourage everyone to send emails supporting the RVRT** (regardless of where you live), including personal, stakeholder group, and organisational submissions. **All contributions are valued and appreciated**. We also encourage you to **tell other people and groups** about the current exhibition period.

Please **clearly indicate your overall support for the RVRT at the beginning of your submission**, even if you also raise particular concerns. Some of the areas that you **might like to mention** include:

- **What the RVRT means to you and your family (personally)**
- **Likely RVRT-related benefits** for your local area and the overall Hunter Region
- **Future local and regional opportunities** that might arise from the RVRT
- **Any specific concerns that you have** (relating either to the Newcastle LGA or the whole trail) – please try to be constructive