

# What have taxpayers lost to pay for an empty Tomaree Lodge?

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## OPINION

### What did we lose to keep lodge empty?

WHY waste \$1.8 million on maintenance and security at Tomaree Lodge ("Vacant lodge's \$1.8m bill", *Newcastle Herald*, 14/11/23), when it could be spent on a variety of interesting activities - museum, performing arts, art gallery, backpackers, coffee shop ... the list goes on.

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*Tomaree Lodge in 2015.*

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