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Director says we lag in planning ^{10/10/67}

Australia could learn techniques of national and regional planning from Iran, an Australian expert said in Sydney yesterday.

Iran was more advanced in this field and Australia could benefit by engaging Iranian advisers to evolve and adopt planning techniques for Australian needs, he said.

The expert is Mr George Clarke, director of an Australian team of consultants which has been appointed by the Government of Iran to work with an Iranian group in reviewing and advising on development activities.

SIMILAR PROBLEMS

Their recommendations will be part of the detailed preparatory work for the launching next year of Iran's fourth five-year plan.

Mr Clarke, who worked in Iran in August and September, said Australia and Iran shared many similar problems.

He said: "The Australian Federal system has failed so far to provide us with any national and regional planning body remotely comparable to the Iran National Plan Organisation."

Mr Clarke said Australia would benefit by engaging Iranian advisers. He was highly impressed with the calibre of Iranian experts.

\$10,000 offer for city plan

The Lend Lease Corporation has offered to plan the redevelopment of the Hotel Sydney-Tivoli Theatre site for a maximum fee of \$10,000.

The finance committee of the Sydney City Council approved the offer last night after a 10-minute discussion, and will recommend that the council accept it.