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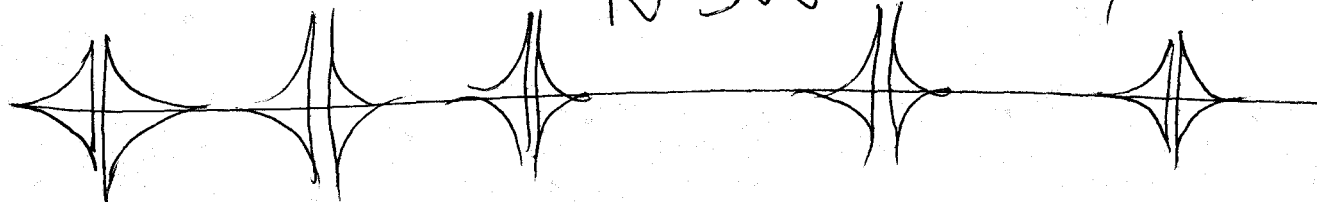
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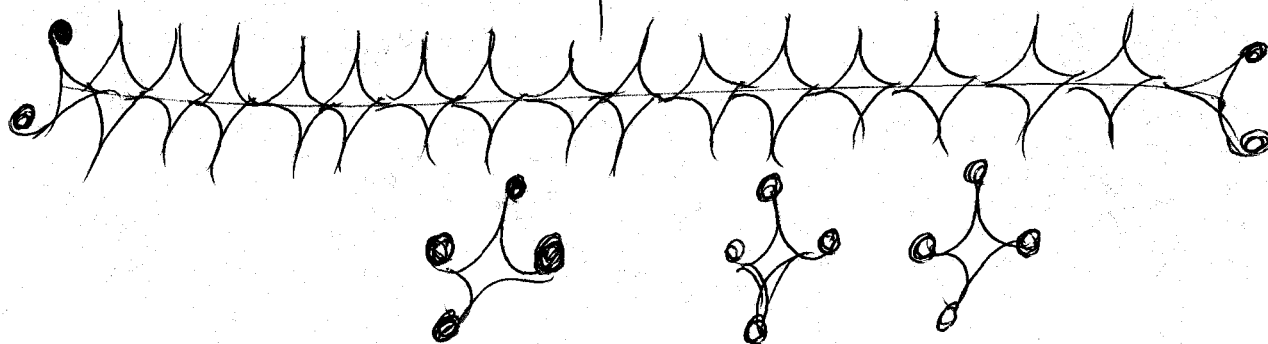
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"Wet" facilities
— plumbing in rooms.



NOTES FOR COUNCIL MEETING 21.12.70

re : Action Plans No. 3 and 4, and their relation to the Strategic Planning Process

1. The Strategic Plan is due for completion in May 1971. If the Action Plan No. 3 is to be commissioned today, Council is to resolve that it must be completed within a period which may be less than - but must not be more than 5 months - i.e. by 21.5.71. As completion date for the Strategic Plan is 5 May, and this means that the Action Plan No. 3 will be completed at the same time or a few weeks later than the Strategic Plan.
2. Action Plan No. 4 for the planning of parking stations for the Western Distributor on the western edge of the CBD, will be completed within a period which may be less than but which will not be more than 6 months.
If Council adopts this today, this means that Action Plan No. 4 will be completed by June 21 - approximately a month following the completion and submission to Council of the Strategic Plan.
3. This is magnificent and highly effective timing which demonstrates the dynamic action and practical approach of Civic Reform to attacking and solving the problems which have bedevilled the City and its citizens and ratepayers for decades.
Don't forget, gentlemen, that these are problems which the Labour party ignored for the 19 years it held office, control and had responsibility for solving the city's problems.

Ald. Draper's party had 19 years in which to act, but they chose to do nothing about parking, nothing for pedestrians, nothing in fact for anyone except their own personal cliques and factions.
4. In order to try to make amends for this 19 or 20 year period of neglect, we were elected on a platform of planning for, by and with the citizens, workers, ratepayers and residents of the City. We have now been in office for a bare 15 months and in that time, we have moved swiftly and decisively to try to do and report back to the electors next September what the Labour Party had 19 or 20 years to do.
5. It is therefore essential that the City Council now attack this enormous backlog of problems which have been allowed to fester for 2 decades in a logical, coordinated, systematic but vigorous manner.
We therefore are pressing ahead simultaneously on many fronts to attack and solve these many different problems.

We find ourselves forced because of 20 years of neglect to carry out strategic, long range and action oriented detail planning, simultaneously.

The citizens, workers, residents and ratepayers of Sydney can no longer tolerate procrastination and delay. The Labour Party have already criticised the First Progress Report of the Strategic Plan because it is nothing more than an authoritative and fully documented assessment of the problems that have been allowed to pile up during their 20 years of office.

You cannot on the one hand criticise the Council for merely producing a report on problems and, at the same time criticise us for taking action to attack the problems that the report so documents so devastatingly.

The Strategic Plan document will in May show us the way forward on the vital question of plot ratios and the sophisticated system of plot ratio bonuses that a complex city like Sydney needs. This report will be followed within weeks by concrete, detailed plans for immediate action by Council, to create a coordinated system of off-street car parks which will be linked by pedestrian tunnels and bridges through to the core of the high density pedestrian activity precinct around Wynyard between the Rocks on the north and Martin Place on the south and Pitt Street on the east and Darling Harbour on the west.

Thus, our program will produce concrete and specific solutions to three of our major problems - plot ratios, parking and pedestrian movement - all within a space of several months.

Our program is designed to bring all these matters up to Council for decisive action, simultaneously on all three fronts in the months of May, June and July of 1971.

6. That, gentlemen, I venture to suggest, will be indeed, the most historic three months in the history of this city.

