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bcc: W.D. Scott and Co.
and
McConnel, Smith and Johnson.
+ Ald. Leo Port.

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Ald. Andrew Briger
Council of the City of Sydney
Town Hall
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Alderman Briger:

re: City of Sydney Strategic Plan : Invitation to Major Authorities
to be represented at formal Review Meetings between Council
and Consultants, on the Strategic Plan

We recently advised you that the State Planning Authority was ~~officially~~ represented by Mr Graham Crockett at meetings of the Sydney Cove Redevelopment Authority. We recommended that it would be very much in Council's interests for Council officially to request the SPA to be represented at the formal Review Meetings on the Strategic Plan. We understand that you have written to Mr Nigel Ashton along these lines. We understand that Mr Ashton is now in New Zealand for the next two or three weeks. We would appreciate your continued attention to the problem of achieving some response from the SPA. It may be that Alderman Port could assist.

You further asked us to recommend which other Authorities should be similarly invited to be represented at formal Review Meetings. We have considered this question and now recommend that both informal and formal approaches be made to the following:-

(i) The Minister for Local Government

We believe that since Council is directly under the control and supervision of the Ministry and Department of Local Government, it would be fitting and proper that the major issues being confronted by the strategic plan be considered in continuing liaison with the Minister and his Department. It may be that the Minister could be persuaded to send his Asst. Under Secretary, Mr Frank Pogson, as his personal and/or departmental representative.

(ii) The County of Cumberland Passenger Transport Advisory Committee

This is the most prestigious and powerful body concerned with all aspects of policy formation on transport planning for the Sydney region. The Chairman is Mr I. McCusker, Commissioner for Railways. Its Executive Secretary and the Chairman of its Technical Sub-Committee is Mr W.K. King of the Department of Railways. You will remember that you yourself attended a meeting of CUMPTAC with Professor Proudlove. You will remember that CUMPTAC has on several occasions in the past formally written to the City Council requesting some positive cooperation in transport planning for the city. It seems that if CUMPTAC could be persuaded to send an official representative that we will have achieved proper liaison with the seven Government bodies that are represented on it. These are -


Treasury, Railways, Main Roads, SPA,
Police, Motor Transport and Government Transport.

You will appreciate that if we could have a representative from the Ministry and Department of Local Government and from CUMPTAC, we would have close liaison with both the Minister for Transport and the Minister for Local Government, the two key cabinet ministers on whose support the Council is entirely dependent for the success or failure of the strategic plan.

When talking and writing to Messrs Morton, Morris, Ashton, McCusker on this subject, we suggest you don't attempt to apologise for not having invited their representation earlier. Make a virtue of this - say that you didn't want to waste their time before this, as our early meetings were concerned with internal arrangements and work timing and procedure. Stress the significance and importance of the issues which will be dealt with in the next five Formal Review Meetings.

In your talks with Mr Morton or Department of Local Government chaps (Barnett and Pogson), stress that Council's Strategic Plan involves consideration of administrative procedures, relationships between authorities such as the Council and the SPA, and to internal Council administrative procedures, Council financial and rating problems, and involves consideration of issues like the licensing of private carparks and so on, all matters which are directly within the purview of the Department of Local Government and not the SPA.

Yours faithfully
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