

Committees to Help Plan Darling Point

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More than 100 residents and ratepayers attended a special meeting held at the Woollahra Council chambers on February 4 to establish a citizens' committee to assist in the Darling Point Planning Scheme.

community consultation

Three committees were formed, each with an alderman from the Woollahra Council Planning Committee as chairman, seven citizens chosen by lottery and two representatives of the Planning Consultant firm appointed by the council to prepare a detailed plan of Darling Point.

The chairman appointed were Alds. A. M. Clayton I. J. Kennedy and A. L. S. Teece.

68 citizens nominated to be members of the discussion groups but the number was limited to three groups of ten members each.

Ald. Clayton, chairman of the Planning Committee, said: "It will be appreciated that more people have volunteered than can, in practice, be accommodated within the limits of time and cost which the council can afford to allocate.

"Planning costs money and Mr. Clarke (of the Planning Consultant firm) is working within the limits of a specific allocation of finance voted by the council for this purpose."

He said it was felt that election by lottery was not only the fairest method but would result in random representation on the discussion groups and so reveal a wider cross-section of opinion than might otherwise be the case.

It was explained that the three groups would meet informally to encourage a free interchange of ideas and criticism.

The three aldermen who represented Darling Point on the council, Alds. Foster, O'Brien and O'Neill, were at liberty to attend meetings of the discussion groups.

RANDOM SAMPLE

Addressing the meeting, Ald. Clayton said the population of the study area was 4,900 people, living in 2,250 households, including both houses and flats.

Of these, 450 were included in the scientifically selected random sample to be interviewed at home by the town planning firm.

To the date of the meeting, the Consultant Planners had interviewed more than 340 people.

Additionally, representatives of 80 households had

telephoned the Planners and requested that questionnaires be sent to them.

Also, about 60 representatives of households had submitted written statements of their opinions.

This meant at an early

stage of the planning process, 590 out of 2,250 households in Darling Point, that is 26 per cent, had already had the opportunity to participate actively in the planning of Darling Point.

Ald. Clayton said the information and opinions received through these procedures were currently being analysed and studied.

He said it was hoped that the discussion groups would provide some useful ideas and enable the planners to assess further the civic needs and wishes of the citizens required to be satisfied by any plan.

He said it was anticipated that the groups would meet about four times, probably once a month over the next four months.

The committees comprised of:

- Chairman: Ald. A. M. Clayton; Mrs. T. D'Alpuget, Mr. M. Goldstein, Mr. S. Leweniec, Mr. G. S. Peterson Mrs. L. F. Pike, Mr. P. Ramsay and Mr. C. G. S. Wilkinson.

- Chairman: Ald. I. J. Kennedy; Miss F. Carroli, Mr. D. Dunn, Mr. J. P. Melocco, Mr. G. S. Mair, Prof. F. F. Rundle, Mr. P. J. Simpson and Mr. J. O. Zelany;

- Chairman: Ald. A. L. S. Teece; Dr. A. R. Chalmers, Mrs. R. E. Cohen, Mr. E. L. Crawley, Mr. I. McCallum, Mr. E. F. Mullin, Mr. J. S. Mann and Mr. R. J. Stevenson.

With two representatives of the Consultant Planning firm on each.



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