

ments envisaged by the planners. The alternative for many will be the Housing Commission — and here they are likely to find little joy with a waiting list time of three years for families and five years for old age units — all outside the inner city area.

One of the best ways effective action could be taken is through the formation within each suburb of Action Groups — similar in some ways to the Planning For People Campaign already at work in Surry Hills.

However, the first step must be the expression of general feeling through either public meetings or contact with groups such as the one responsible for this leaflet. A list of telephone numbers is included at the end of this page for this purpose, as well as to provide extra information for those interested.

If you are concerned to know more about what is planned for your area — and to take a part in guiding that planning please contact either Alderman Andrew Briger — the man most directly concerned with council planning development, or your local councillor, or if unsatisfied — one of the groups below.

The Outline Plan will be released late in July — however, only an abridged version will be available to the general public — the full version will be "much too costly". A final point for concern — many contractors and developers would already appear to be in possession of detailed information regarding the plan — and much purchasing of property is already going on.

Contractors who state land will be re-claimed by Council for development are deliberately misinforming property owners.

The people responsible for this leaflet are not against new planning or development — in fact most people recognise a need for it — however, what is of concern is that the interests of the large number of city residents are protected and proper notice taken of their opinions.

FOR EXTRA INFORMATION CONTACT ■



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If you live in one of the following
suburbs —

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■ KINGS CROSS ■ PYRMONT
■ WOOLLOOMOOLOO

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SYDNEY CITY STRATEGIC PLAN

As Residents living within the area controlled by the Sydney City Council you will be affected by the shortly-to-be-released Strategic Outline Plan — prepared by a group of Town Planners and Architects for the Council.

This plan is to lay the basis for the preparation of Action Plans which will be submitted for approval to the Minister for Local Government and when accepted, form the pattern for development of the City of Sydney for the next 30 years.

The fact which concerns a number of citizens enough for them to produce this leaflet, is that, although this plan has been under development for almost 14 months, there has been almost no publicity in regard to it — and, up to now, no opportunity for the residents of the areas affected to express their opinions.

In fact, although the Council stated at the time it commissioned the plan that an integral part would be the incorporation of the views and needs of the residents, no direct attempt has been made to gain any information regarding these.

Council representatives maintain that this will be done during the preparation of Action Plans, however, there is a good reason to believe this might be too late.

Firstly; the release of the Strategic Plan will give to developers a clear indication of the type of development to be allowed in various regions. At the same time residents, unless specifically informed, will be relatively without information and therefore easy marks for the glib talking developer — the only one with a true idea of the property's worth.

Secondly; the amount of time required for the proper preparation of both an Outline Plan and Action Plans would appear to many people to be far greater than that allocated by the Council.

Indications are that the "involvement of the people" which the Council envisages will extend to sample surveys and a number of meetings for residents.

As it would obviously take months and a great deal of co-operation for people to produce any concrete suggestions as to what they might wish in their own areas — this amount of involvement will be less than useless — a mere sop to public opinion.

Although the Council and Planners have sought the opinions of groups such as Chambers of Commerce, Lions and Rotary Clubs, these groups are mainly made up of businessmen whose interests lie only with the industrial and land-owning sections — not with the group which forms the largest resident section of the city's population — the non-property owning house holder.

Falling into this group come most of the old people and the migrant groups within areas such as Surry Hills and Pyrmont. Many of the former have lived in the same house most of their lives — and migrant groups have developed closely knit communities the value of which certainly bears consideration in terms of planning.

More information is a must for residents concerned for their future, certainly more than can be included here. Extra information will be available through the various groups associated with this campaign.

The campaign is aimed directly at gaining; firstly a guarantee from the City Council that adequate steps will be taken — if necessary to the point of suspending acceptance of the plan for a period of up to two years — to ensure that full account is taken of resident opinion; secondly, to help provide a means whereby residents can come together and decide themselves what steps they wish taken.

The plan which the Council has prepared, together with the subsequent plans will bring about a total reshaping of the inner-city suburbs of Kings Cross, Surry Hills, Woolloomooloo, Darlinghurst and Pyrmont. If the people who live in these areas, many of whom also work there, are to protect their homes and livelihoods — then it is up to them to show an active interest.

A very real prospect could be a large scale alteration in the make-up of the resident population of the inner city with places such as Mt. Druitt and Green Valley as the new homes for many of those displaced.

Faced with the prospect of moving, many people will find themselves unable to afford the \$30 and \$40 rents for the new high-rise apart-