

# 'LOO TO HOUSE 20,000

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More than 20,000 people will be moved into the proposed new Woolloomooloo development if the NSW Government has its way.

Most of the new residents will be placed in low-cost homes to be built in the Woolloomooloo basin by the State Housing Commission.

Others will live in modern town house developments built on land bought from the commission by private companies.

A meeting yesterday between the Federal Minister for Urban Development, Mr Uren, the NSW Minister for Planning and Development, Sir John Fuller, State Housing Minister, Mr McGinty and the Lord Mayor of Sydney, Alderman Shehadie resulted in a general agreement on the new-look Woolloomooloo.

## Controlled

The Federal Government had already agreed to supply the Housing Commission with \$17 million to buy private homes and factories in the area.

A large slice of the redevelopment area, around the Woolloomooloo wharves, is already owned by the Federal Government and will also be handed over to the commission.

The complete urban renewal of the area will be strictly controlled by the Sydney City Council.

Housing Commission homes will be mixed with private low-rise development, and landscaped parks and children's playground facilities will break up the planned housing complex.

Last night Ald. Shehadie said he was more than pleased with the result of yesterday's meeting.

"The complete Woolloomooloo area will be redeveloped, with suitable old terrace houses being preserved and renovated," he said.

"Commercial development will be generally



Ald Shehadie

restricted to Victoria St and the William St end, with only smaller businesses remaining in the central residential area."

Sir John Fuller said he believed the matter would be presented to, and approved by, both State and Federal Parliaments before Christmas.

He said he hoped land acquisition for the scheme would begin early in February.

## Fee rise tipped

The increase in resident hospital doctors' salaries may lead to increases in private medical fees.

The secretary of the State AMA, Dr Nicholas Larkins, said this yesterday.

The residents have been granted a basic 40-hour week and large salary and overtime increases.