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## NAVY 'LOO SCHEME APPROVED

The State Planning Authority sees nothing wrong with Navy plans to build a large office complex at Woolloomooloo.

Nor does the Lord Mayor of Sydney (Ald. McDermott).

They have agreed that the Navy proposals "conform with overall redevelopment plans for the whole of Woolloomooloo."

The Minister for the Interior (Mr. Nixon) has announced in Canberra that an office complex to cost \$8 million will be built for the Navy.

The complex will be built on a five-and-a-half-acre site bounded by Forbes, Pring, Dowling and Cathedral Streets.

Two office buildings will form the first stage of the project, and work will begin almost immediately.

Both Ald. McDermott and SPA officials pointed out that the Navy planned originally to fill the whole block with naval stores.

However, the SPA, which prepared an overall redevelopment plan for the former City Commissioners, persuaded the Navy to abandon this proposal.

The SPA's Woolloomooloo development plan provides for high-rise office and residential buildings, the latter capable of housing double the present residential population.

### Provides

It also provides for the re-design of the present wharves, a modern multi-storey Eye Hospital and a new sporting stadium.

At the same time, the SPA plan provides at least a dozen small public parks and open spaces — amenities in which Woolloomooloo is now deficient.

"Details of the Navy proposal are not yet known," the SPA's deputy chairman (Mr. J. J. Wickham) said yesterday.

"But the proposal seems consistent with the general concept we have for Woolloomooloo's redevelopment."

Mr. Wickham said the SPA would be available

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