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# **HIGH-RISE BUILDINGS NOW OUT OF FAVOUR**

A world-wide trend against high rise city buildings would reach Sydney, the Lord Mayor Sir Emmett McDermott said today on his return from a six-week world tour.

He said high-rise development had been banned in San Francisco and Waikiki.

Civic leaders and local government had agreed to restrict buildings to three storeys in San Francisco.

"I found there was a lot of feeling against high-rise in Britain as well and I think this will happen in Sydney", the Lord Mayor said.

"In Waikiki they have overbuilt and have more accommodation than they need."

Observations in Europe and the US convinced him the answer to Sydney's

transport problems was to improve public transport.

This was the only satisfactory way of moving the public en masse.

A demonstration of a twin-hulled hovercraft on the Thames also made him

think such craft should be used in the Harbour.

"More use should be made of the Harbour and hovercraft such as the one I saw, quiet, manoeuvrable and with a speed of 35 knots, is suitable", he said.