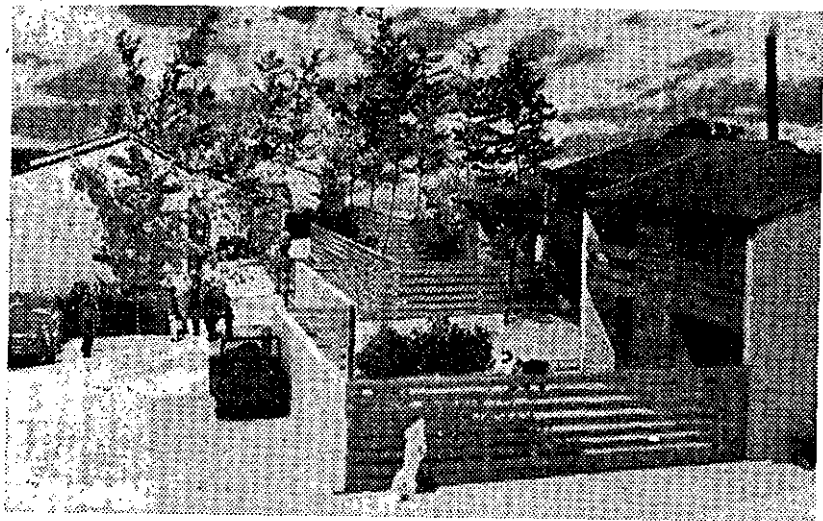


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A model of one of the proposed garden units

Commission adopts new housing style

A new type of medium-density housing development, called garden units is to be added to the range built by the State Housing Commission.

The Minister for Housing and Co-operative Societies, Mr Bruxner, said

yesterday the first of the new units probably would be built in the Macquarie Fields and Mount Druitt areas.

The commission was waiting for local council approval so that it could call tenders for the new units in those areas.

Mr Bruxner said rapidly

rising land and construction costs meant many families no longer were able to obtain individual houses. New designs were necessary to meet this situation.

The commission had asked four architectural consultants to submit proposals for a new type of medium density housing, suitable for Australian conditions.

A major requirement had been the provision of both private open space and open space that could be used in common.

There would be 17 different types of dwelling in the new projects, including single storey, two storey and split-level designs.

Some included a children's play area in the common open space.

The architectural consultants were Clarke Gizzard Architects Pty Ltd, I. McKay and Partners, Robertson and Hindmarsh Pty Ltd and Anchor Mortlock Murray and Wolley Pty Ltd.