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Dear Sir:

Application for Position as Professor of Town Planning

The concepts and methods of "Town Planning" which I absorbed during 10 years of University education in Australia, Europe and America, I have since reshaped in 18 years of active research, planning and management of conflict and change in the built environment.

I have participated in, influenced and observed results of effective and ineffective environmental decision-making and action at all levels of government, private enterprise and citizen groups, in all parts of Australia and in a number of developed and "Third World" countries. My research and planning practice has dealt in depth with all scales of the man-made and natural environments, including building groups, streets and spaces, precincts, neighborhoods, towns, cities and regions. It has demanded appreciation and integration of the knowledge and skills of related disciplines such as architecture, building, landscape and industrial design, surveying, engineering, transport, geography, sociology, economics, commerce, management, public administration and law.

The single most comprehensive example of this work has been my City of Adelaide Plan, published as a 261 page book in 1974.

I am now seeking opportunity to:-

*pass on to a new generation, through teaching, the body of knowledge and skills I have been fortunate to accumulate;

*codify that knowledge in textbook form, using the original files as source material for actual case studies;

*conduct, in collaboration with others, research and advanced studies, using the research library I have built up on my two major fields of interest:

- (a) Urbanisation in Australia 1788-1948 and 1948 -c1988: conflicting theories and practices in urban planning and management: technological, economic, geographic, social and political influences:
- (b) Urban and socio-economic change in Indonesia 1950-c1980.

Over recent years I have succeeded in reducing my responsibilities to my clients and employees, so as to free myself for the work I want to do in the second half of my career. I am now employed by the World Bank and the Indonesian Government on a one year contract which currently expires in August.

I have noted the duties of the Professor of Town Planning and studied the School's existing structure and courses.

If appointed, I would act as follows:

*Supervision of, and participation in, teaching

As an employer of the school's students and graduates, I have advocated rigor in teaching undergraduates basic intellectual skills which lead to effective thinking and communication.

The existing courses and subjects appear carefully structured, but like all such, they need continuous active adaptation to changing circumstances and the evolution of the discipline. Before suggesting any changes, I would consult professional and academic colleagues to learn their views of the school's practical problems and opportunities.

I would undertake direct student teaching and keep myself informed of student capacities and aspirations.

I would teach and examine the subject which is the intellectual core of the school: subject 36.512 The Planning Process, 6HPW Session 2 Year 1. I would maintain contact with the other 4 years by participating in: Year 2, subject 36.513 Precinct Planning; Years 3 and 4, subject 36.503 Practical Experience; and Year 5, Thesis supervision and Civic Survey Camp.

*Engagement in and promotion of research and advanced study

I would donate to the school my own research library built up over two decades, for use by others and as the source material for some of the work I wish to write myself.

I would seek: to stimulate candidates for the Master's Degree; and to establish new post-graduate and mid-career courses, including a course on planning for developing countries.

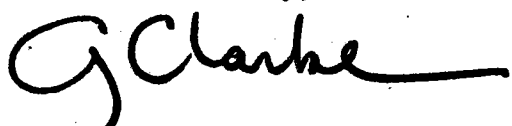
I would seek to organise extension seminars and courses for professionals, citizens, Aldermen and others with particular interests in town planning issues.

Clients and sponsors from Australia and overseas still offer me opportunities for commissioned research and planning work. I would be pleased to direct such work through UNISEARCH, to provide opportunities for staff and students to extend their experience and gain additional income and/or facilities for the school and themselves.

*Administration

The UNSW procedures for the organisation of multi-professional schools are similar to those I am used to in the organisation of multi-disciplinary consulting practices. I would participate and cooperate in accord with the guidelines as interpreted by the Dean of the Faculty.

Yours faithfully,


GEORGE CLARKE.

THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES

PROFESSORIAL APPLICATION SUMMARY

Please complete this summary as a separate item which can be read independently of your formal application and/or curriculum vitae.

Position Sought Professor of Town Planning in the School of Town Planning 77/112

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Academic Qualifications

Award	Date of Completion	Institution
Master of City Planning	1959	Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Diploma Town Planning	1957	University College, London University
Bachelor Architecture	1953	University of Sydney

Professional Qualifications

RAPI Sidney Luker Memorial Medallist 1972-74

FRTPI, FRAPI, Certificated Town Planner (NSW), Reg. Architect (Qld., WA) etc.

Present Employment

Date Commenced	Title of Position	Employer
September 1977	Projects Director - Indonesia	World Bank

Previous Employment (in brief summary only)

Period of Employment	Title of Position	Employer
1977-70	Director of Urban & Regional Research and Planning	Urban Systems Corporation
1975-71	Director	Australian Subsidiary of A.M. Voorhees and Associates Inc. US Traffic, Transportation and Planning Consultants.
1969-60	Partner-in-charge of urban planning and design	Clarke Gazzard & Partners Architects-Planners
1959-58	Town Planner	Providence City Council (RI, USA).
1957-56	Architect - Planner	London County Council (UK).
1955-54	Planning Officer	Cumberland County Council (Sydney).

Teaching Experience Occasional visiting lecturer: Dept of Town & Country Planning, Sydney University; School of Town Planning, UNSW; Graduate School of Public Administration, University of the Philippines, etc.; staff training of urban researchers and town planners 1960-78 (Australia, Iran, Indonesia).

Field(s) of Research and Professional Interest Urbanisation in Australia 1788-1948 and 1948 c 1988; conflicting theories and practices in urban planning and management: technological, economic, geographic, social and political influences.

Referees

Name Position (Please give address in application)

Professor Sol Encel, Head School of Sociology, University of NSW.

Denis Winston, Professor Emeritus, Town & Country Planning University of Sydney.

The Hon. Mr. Justice Ray Else Mitchell, Chairman, Commonwealth Grants Commission, Canberra.

Hugh Stretton, Reader, Dept. of History, University of Adelaide.