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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Cenotaph
the centre

SIR,—The editorial "Martin Square" (December 18) is an accurate statement of the actual current proposal to rescue the Cenotaph from its present indignity as a traffic island.

The 1968 Martin Place proposal is, and always has been, for a "civic square." The word "plaza" has never been used by any of the many people who have worked on the project, nor was any "sidewalk cafe" ever part of the scheme.

The actual submissions of September 10, 1968, currently being considered by the City Commissioners, spoke of "the symbolic and civic significance" of this part of Martin Place as "the ceremonial core of Sydney." We suggested it should be a "formal paved and landscaped" space, from which all but essential traffic be excluded, thus "creating a truly dignified and appropriate setting for the War Memorial."

We trust that any doubts felt by those who, like ourselves, are concerned for the symbolism of the Cenotaph may be put to rest by this clarification.

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