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# City Plan Praised By Jensen

The Lord Mayor, Alderman H. F. Jensen, said yesterday a three-dimensional town plan proposed for Sydney would provide the city with planning on a scope never before attempted in Australia.

"It will firmly establish the shape of Sydney for the next century," Alderman Jensen said.

By drawing up a three-dimensional town plan for Sydney, far better overall organisation of the city would be encouraged, including block development instead of development on individual sites, he said.

The scheme, mentioned in Alderman Jensen's policy speech for the Lord Mayoral elections, is for an honorary committee to give advice on all aspects of Sydney's future development.

The advice would encourage more developments of the scale of the 'Australia Square' project, Alderman Jensen said.

Present development in Sydney was mostly confined to areas of existing subdivisions, so that piecemeal development resulted, he said.

## Analysis Of Problems

"The committee and its associated planners would analyse problems of transport, parking space, open space, light and air requirements," he said.

"It would then seek to arrange for all future development in the city to conform to the most desirable pattern that intensive co-operation and planning could produce."

Alderman Jensen said that when the three-dimensional plan operated, everybody would know exactly what size building could be placed on any particular block in the city.

The task of making the scheme succeed was formidable and required full co-operation from all sections of the community, he said.

Alderman Jensen said he hoped the council would be able to press for a broad committee, representing every aspect of community life, including finance, commerce and industry.

Part of the committee's function would be to subscribe to the cost of preparing the three-dimensional plan.

## £75 Fine For Tax Offence

A stock and station agent was fined £75 by Mr M. J. McCauley, S.M., at the Special Court yesterday for failing to furnish a 1958 income-tax return on behalf of a partnership.

He is John Alexander Gale, a partner in J. A. Gale and Co., Bathurst Street, Brewarrina.

An officer of the Taxation Department, Mr William Henderson, said Gale had three previous convictions for taxation offences.

## Editorial



# Too many planners

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IT seems that one of the presents Sydney will get for its 175th birthday, which falls next month, will be the beginnings of a new plan for its development.

In the high-sounding language so beloved of this age it is to be a three-where will Alderman Jensen's three-dimensions cover its length, breadth and also thickness if you count height as thickness.

The Lord Mayor, Alderman Jensen, perhaps exuberantly optimistic from his recent election triumph, has forecast that it will establish the shape of Sydney for the next century.

It will be a miracle if it does so.

Sydney has been having plans made for it since the First Fleet — Phillip had one, and Macquarie, and Greenway, and a whole host of planners stretching down the years.

Sometimes plans have followed each other so quickly that few people knew which one was momentarily in force or favour.

Sometimes the city has had several plans at once, so conflicting that they have been capable of nullifying each other.

## Green Belt

That is roughly the unstable and rather unhappy position that exists as our city approaches its 175th anniversary.

Clearly, any place that has grown from a prison camp to a metropolis in less than 200 years has needed many plans, but Sydney seems to have been almost as much a victim of the planners as it has been a beneficiary.

Only 15 years ago the Cumberland County Council was formed partly to make Greater Sydney a green and lovely place, and everyone knows what has happened to most of the Green Belt it planned.

Today, about 50 Government, local Government, semi-official and advisory bodies have a say-so in Sydney's development.

The State Government and City Council are not infrequently at odds over details of the city's development, and the Minister for Local Government, Mr Hills, is a kind of separate overlord of what goes on at Circular Quay.

"The Sun" has always approved big, bold planning (with action) for Sydney, and to this end it has supported a State planning authority for co-ordinated development.

If we are to have that, as is proposed, where will Alderman Jensen's three dimensional plan fit in?