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## Quay Plan Nearly Completed

A development control plan for Sydney Cove will be ready for submission to the Minister for Local Government, Mr P. D. Hills, in six to eight weeks, the Lord Mayor, Alderman H. F. Jensen, said yesterday.

Alderman Jensen said the plan, which Sydney City Council officers have been preparing for a year, is almost complete.

Mr Hills suspended the Sydney Cove area from the County of Cumberland planning scheme early last year and directed the council last March to prepare an overall control plan.

While the plan is in preparation, Mr Hills controls the area and the council refers to him for final decision all applications to build in it.

The area is bounded by Bridge and Macquarie Sts, Farm Cove Crescent to the foreshore at Fort Macquarie, along the foreshore to the western end of Benelong Point, west to where Hickson Road underpasses the Bradfield Highway, and by Circular Quay West to Argyle Street.

# Council Defers Circular Quay Plan

A group of private companies and town planners should be asked to comment on Sydney City Council's new development control plan for Sydney Cove, the council's city planning and improvements committee recommended yesterday.

The committee decided in the meantime to defer consideration of the development control plan, which council officers have spent a year preparing.

The Minister for Local Government, Mr P. D. Hills, directed the council to prepare the plan last year.

In a report to the committee, the council's principal planning officer, Mr D. McLachlan, recommended rejection of a multi-million pound development scheme for the Circular Quay area submitted to the council by a group of companies and town planners.

It was doubtful whether the scheme was in the best interests of the city, so much as the interests of the six companies which paid for

its preparation, Mr McLachlan said.

The group is the Sydney Cove Area Development Committee.

It was set up in February last year and consists of representatives of Lend Lease Corporation Ltd., Imperial Chemical Industries of Australia and New Zealand Ltd., Unilever Australia Pty. Ltd., the Australian Mutual Provident Society, the British Tobacco Co. Australia Ltd., and the Macquarie Club, with the Professor of Town and Country Planning at Sydney University, Professor Denis Winston.

Its scheme was designed to prevent construction of a wall of tall buildings around the foreshores of Circular Quay.

In a minute to the city planning and improvements committee, the Lord Mayor, Alderman H. F. Jensen, said that as an act of courtesy the Sydney Cove Area Development Committee should now be allowed to comment on the council's plan.

The committee recommended that the council ask the Sydney Cove Area Development Committee whether a £5,000 model of the committee's scheme can be placed in the Town Hall for inspection by new aldermen.