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New bid

in quay dispute

How should Circular Quay look under the hand of the developer?

That question is exercising the minds of many architects and planners in Sydney at the moment.

All agree that the Sydney Cove area must be developed in the near future but opinions differ sharply as to how the city's gateway should look.

Two plans have already been submitted but both have been condemned.

Secretary of the Royal Australian Institute of Architects Mr. R. Grieg believes that before planning of the Quay is tackled an overall co-ordinating authority for all building in the city area should be formed.

A special committee of architects is now examining how this can be done.

It is expected the committee will make a recommendation to Local Government Minister Hills in a month or so.

Such an overall authority would co-ordinate all building regulations under the Local Government Act and others like the Factories and Shops Act, Seafolding and Lifts Act, Clean Air Act, Fire Brigade Act, Inflammable Liquids Act and the Explosives Act.

Mr. Grieg said yesterday all these regulations must be brought together under one authority to serve the interests of the greatest number of people in any development scheme.

"This is necessary in planning to achieve a proper ratio of open space, air and light in the city," he said.

"Development of the city should be co-ordinated in this way. Re-designing of the Quay is a vital part of city planning."

Lead from

Council

"I feel the City Council must give us the lead in this expensive and technical problem."

Five of Australia's biggest companies formed a Sydney Cove Area Development Committee and submitted a plan for the Quay 18 months ago.

The plan was for multi-storey buildings fronting the Quay, with pedestrian squares and above-street-shopping arcades.

City Council aldermen this week were sharply divided over a new £30 million plan prepared jointly by the council planning officer, Mr. D. Melachian, and Professor Denis Winston, of Sydney

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