

November 7, 1963.

The Town Clerk,
Council of the City of Sydney,
Town Hall,
SYDNEY, N.S.W.

Dear Sir,

You will recall that Council generously acknowledged the initiative of this Committee in preparing a specimen overall plan for the Sydney Cove area by inviting its representative, Professor Denis Winston, to co-operate with the Council's Town Planner, Mr. D. McK. McLachlan.

At a meeting held recently, this Committee received a report from Professor Winston on the outcome of various discussions with Mr. McLachlan about the preparation of a plan for the area.

The Committee wishes to place on record its appreciation of Council's progressive attitude to the problem by its action in instructing preparation of the plan which the Committee discussed.

It congratulates the Department and its officers concerned in the painstaking research and initiative evident in the production of the latest proposals.

The Committee, however, wishes to make the following observations on this plan and asks that they be tabled concurrently with Council's reception of the proposals so that Council may be aware of the Committee's views.

1. The Committee views with regret the apparent acceptance in the new plan that the present traffic flow along the perimeter of Circular Quay will continue unchanged. It points out that many buses travel empty to East Circular Quay and turn back along the same route without providing passenger benefit; they appear to add to the hazards of pedestrian traffic which is increasingly evident in this area.

The Committee asks that negotiations be set up with a view to obtaining the co-operation of the Department of Road Transport in planning the area in such a way that vehicular traffic along the front of Circular Quay be reduced.

2. While realising the financial problems involved by Council committing itself to possible future acquisition, the Committee nevertheless requests that the present plan be extended in scope beyond the confines outlined in the latest plan.

The Committee suggests that this might well be handled by a special committee which could be set up at the initiative of Council and which would consist of representatives of the City Council, the Department of Local Government and such civic organisations as the convening body may consider to have beneficial opinions to offer.

Yours truly,

G. J. Dusseldorp
Chairman