

£30m. Sydney Cove plan

By the Civic Roundsman

City Council and University town planning experts have agreed on a £30 million "compromise" plan to re-develop Sydney Cove.

THE plan envisages the overall development of the area bounded by Alfred, Phillip, Bridge and Pitt Streets.

It was drawn up after discussions between the City Planning Officer (Mr. McK. McLachlan) and the Professor of Town Planning at Sydney University (Professor Denis Winston).

DRAWINGS

AND MODEL

Mr. McLachlan has told the City Council's Planning Committee that drawings and a model of the new plan will be submitted to the Council soon.

He said the plan repre-

sented a compromise between a plan submitted by private companies and one produced by Council planning officers.

Five of Australia's biggest companies formed a Sydney Cove Area Development Committee and produced the original plan in March, last year.

The companies are the AMP Society, British Tobacco Company (Aust.) Ltd., Imperial Chemical Industries, Lend Lease Corporation Ltd. and Unilever (Aust.) Pty. Ltd.

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

Mr. McLachlan drew up a Council plan at the request of the Minister for Local Government (Mr. Hills).

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Aldermen subsequently described Mr. McLachlan's plan as "mundane" and "lacking a touch of genius" and directed him to consult Professor Winston.

Mr. McLachlan has now told the Planning Committee that the new plan includes features from both earlier plans and offers a "happy solution" to a major town planning problem.