

SKYSCRAPER PLAN

Combine to build at Quay

One of America's biggest construction companies will combine with a Sydney company to build a £5 million 27-storey skyscraper at Circular Quay.

The building will be wider than the AMP building, but not as high.

The American company is Hawaiian Dredging and Construction Company Ltd.

The Sydney company is Mainline Constructions Pty. Ltd.

The City Council, the Height of Buildings Advisory Committee and the Minister for Local Government (Mr. Hills) approved the building this week.

It will be 328ft. high. The AMP building is 384 ft. high.

The new building's site is railway land on the corner of Pitt, Alfred and George Streets.

The managing director of Mainline Constructions (Mr. R. C. T. Baker) said yesterday that working drawings would start immediately.

Construction would start early next year.

The building would be finished about June, 1965.

Mr. Baker said the architects for the project, Paddle, Thorp and Walker, had designed the building to fit probable overall development of the Sydney Cove area.

Plans provided for a paved mall around the building to be handed to the City Council for public use.

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OPPOSITION TO £30 MIL. PLAN

By the Civic Roundsman

The City Council's Planning Officer (Mr. D. McK. McLachlan) has recommended rejection of a £30 million redevelopment plan for Sydney Cove.

The plan was for three multi-storey buildings fronting pedestrian concourses and open squares in an area bounded by Bridge, George, Phillip and Alfred Streets.

In a report to the Council's Planning Committee, Mr. McLachlan says the redevelopment scheme:

- Might be less in the city's interest than in that of five companies that helped in its preparation.
- Showed little respect for the rights of owners and occupants of many substantial buildings the scheme would demolish.
- Gave no indication of how it would be financed or what its immediate effect would be on property values of long established businesses in the area.
- Disregarded the effect of provisions of the Landlord and Tenant Act.

Five of Australia's biggest companies backed the scheme as members of the

Sydney Cove Area Development Committee.

The Committee included: The AMP Society, British Tobacco Company (Aust.) Ltd., Imperial Chemical Industries, Lend Lease Corporation Ltd., Unilever (Aust.) Pty. Ltd., the Macquarie Club and the professor of town planning at the University of Sydney (Professor Denis Winston).