

# Quay Control Plan Ready For Council

Sydney City Council's city planning and improvements committee will be asked on Monday to approve a development control plan for Sydney Cove.

At the same time the council's principal planning officer, Mr D. McLachlan, will recommend that the committee reject as "impracticable" a multi-million pound development scheme for Circular Quay submitted by a group of private companies and town planners.

The council's town planning staff has spent a year drawing up the plan for Sydney Cove since it was called for by the Minister for Local Government, Mr P. D. Hills.

Since Mr Hills suspended the Sydney Cove area from the county planning scheme in February last year, all development has required his approval.

The Sydney Cove Area Development Committee was set up in February last year, comprising 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.

The committee's scheme is designed to prevent construction of a wall of tall buildings around the foreshores of Circular Quay.

## "Little Respect For Rights

Mr McLachlan will tell aldermen the Quay scheme shows "little respect" for the rights of owners and occupants of the many substantial buildings which would have to be demolished.

They will be told that it would virtually abolish one of the principal focal points of traffic in the city and gives "no indication" of how it would be financed or what immediate effect it would have on property values of long-established businesses.

Mr McLachlan believes the scheme disregards the provisions of the Landlord and Tenant Act.

## Approval For Building

Final State Government approval was given yesterday for a £5-million 27-storey office building at Circular Quay which will be almost 328ft high — almost as tall as the A.M.P. building.

The Chief Secretary, Mr C. A. Kelly, approved a recommendation by the Heights of Buildings Advisory Committee that construction be allowed.

The new building will be on a block bounded by George, Pitt and Alfred Streets — in line with the A.M.P. building at the other end of the Quay.

## Quay Building

The Minister for Local Government, Mr P. D. Hills, has conditionally approved erection of a £5m office building at Circular Quay.

Mr Hills gave his approval subject to approval also by the State Government's Heights of Buildings Advisory Committee.

The 328ft-high building, which would be nearly as tall as the A.M.P. building, and slightly wider, will have to be approved by the committee before work can begin.

The site is bounded by George, Pitt and Alfred streets — in line with the A.M.P. building at the other end of Circular Quay.

Sydney Cove has been suspended from the County Planning Scheme, and only Mr Hills can approve development there.

The Sydney City Council on Monday decided to advise Mr Hills that it approves the project.

An application to construct the building was made by Mainline Constructions Pty. Ltd., and S. Haunstrup and Co. Pty. Ltd., a wholly owned Australian subsidiary of the Hawaiian Dredging and Construction Co. Ltd. International.

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