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Sydney Cove Designs Submitted By Utzon

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Mr Joern Utzon, the Danish architect who designed Sydney's Opera House, has drawn up a plan for the redevelopment of the Sydney Cove area.

The Lord Mayor of Sydney, Alderman H. F. Jensen, has asked Mr

Utzon to meet him as soon as possible to discuss the plan.

However, Alderman Jensen said yesterday he did not know the details of Mr Utzon's scheme.

Yesterday Mr Utzon evaded reporters who attempted to question him.

He was "unavailable" at his office yesterday afternoon, and a reporter who telephoned his house last night was told he had "gone for a walk," then that he had "gone to bed."

Alderman Jensen said Mr Utzon "had some thoughts"

Since then the council has had to refer development applications to Mr Hills for approval.

Mr Hills' move was aimed at preventing further disorganised building in the area.

Mr Hills also asked the council to prepare a plan for the Sydney Cove area covering land use, architectural, and other factors.

Since then several plans have been drawn up, and at present the council and a committee of residents are studying a "compromise plan" drawn up by the council's chief planner, Mr D. McK. McLachlan, and the Professor of Town and Country Planning at the University of Sydney, Professor Denis Winston.



MR JOERN UTZON

on the development of the area following a public meeting to discuss the compromise plan.

"He is willing to place them before the council, and they may influence council's discussions on replanning the area," he said.

Believed To Be Unofficial

"His interest arises from his association with the Opera House."

Observers believe Mr Utzon has drawn up his plan unofficially, and without the knowledge of any Government or council authorities.

Spokesmen for the State Planning Authority, and Lend Lease Corporation Ltd., one of the companies interested in redeveloping Sydney Cove, said yesterday they had heard nothing of Mr Utzon's plan.

The Minister for Local Government, Mr P. D. Hills, suspended the Sydney Cove area from the County of Cumberland planning scheme in 1962.

Randwick May Have A Twin

Randwick Council has referred to its finance committee a suggestion that Randwick and Albi in France be declared twin towns.

M. G. L. J. Blin, French consultative member of the La Perouse Trust, made the suggestion to the council.

M. Blin said Albi was the birthplace of the French navigator, La Perouse, and Randwick was the last place from which he was seen alive by Western men.

Collective Tactic Question

The Minister of Mannix, said yesterday, "ings would soon be taking debt - collecting or 'harassing' tactics."

The practices causing complaints included debt notices served on debtors' employers and bright lettered panel vans.

There was also a very widespread practice of sending letters to homes and work places bearing a colourful stamp indicating that if the letter was not claimed in seven days it should be