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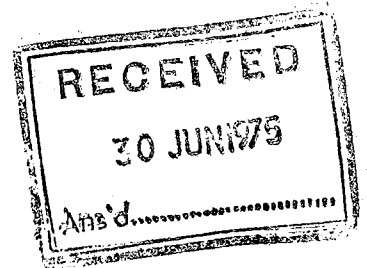
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Dear George,

I have just been reading your Sydney Strategic Plan 1974-77 which, until Leonie showed it to me, I had no knowledge of. I'm pretty impressed. In many respects it is better than the original Strategic Plan. The first Plan tried to cover too much with too little time to do it and left the reader confused. The more maturely considered contents of the 1974-77 Plan came across much better and elucidate some of the confusion of the first Plan. And it has been possible to be more direct, now that burgeoning growth is no longer considered to be a virtue in itself.

I suppose my biggest hang-up about the first exercise was the term 'Strategic Plan'. Policies for urban improvement and city management don't deserve such an aggressively pompous label but I've become reconciled to the idea because I can't suggest any other.

A minor quibble: why would the growth of city office workers (and the decline in other employment) extend the peak travel period? (p. 18). I thought it would tend to compress it; but never mind.

The really heartening thing about the 1974-77 Plan is that it demonstrates that the 1971 effort was not a flush-in-the-pan one-off effort, and the next one will be even better.

Congratulations to all concerned with the job.

Sincerely,

(Peter Harrison)

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