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TO THE EDITOR

Towering over Martin Place

SIR — At the initial meeting of the Save the Theatre Royal Committee ("Herald", May 2), Alderman Leo Port of the City Council pointed to the creation of the Martin Place plaza as demonstrating that the council had its heart in the right place.

But, apparently, what the council has given will be allowed to be taken away by the developers. A deceptively small column in the "Herald" of May 9 announced the approval of a \$100 million four-tower development to the north of Martin Place plaza.

This involves the demolition of three historic buildings nominated as worthy of retention in the City of Sydney's strategic plan.

But, more importantly, it also represents the loss of the major urban precinct in the City, which is bounded on the north by buildings whose materials, character, scale and uniformity of height were so appropriate and are now threatened.

Of what use is the plaza — apart from its initial political gain to the aldermen — if one is to suffer the dust, noise and discomfort of 10 years' construction.

This simply must not happen. The citizens of Sydney are tired of destruction, so let us act now to prevent what could be the City's major loss.

GRAHAM SWANN
AND 19 OTHERS.

Paddington.

The 7.03 to Hornsby

SIR, — As usual each Friday, the 7.03 pm train from Wynyard to Hornsby via the Bridge was 10 minutes late last Friday night.

As usual, the train consisted of only seven carriages, resulting

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