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Urban Dev. & the Public Interest

(I) Need for a new spirit on the left.
Radical, practical action,
realistic, pragmatic, as 'rational
as is humanly possible'.

Australia's development will be
large in quantitative terms —
will it be worth having, in
quality?

Need to drop outworn preoccupations,
prejudices, passions, shibboleths.

Need for a new vision of public
enterprise.

Realistic policies, ~~is~~ humane policies,
would deal with what is
closest to the people in their
everyday life — concrete things

Now that the "living wage" battle
has been fought & won, what
is the next battle?

Housing can be provided in
quantity, meeting needs more or
less. What about quality?

~~Must we continue to have our~~

~~political discourse kept to haggling
about rents~~

The character of our physical environment is of immediate pressing concern to all of us. The challenge of building a rebuilding cities and suburbs fit for all of us to live in, is the great new frontier before us.

inside home now O.K.

outside home a mess,

increase real standard of living

II

Urban Development.

Four levels

- (A) National — overall physical dev. — urban pattern, new cities, new towns, new ports, irrigation + hydroelectric schemes, major pattern of investment
" " " pop. distrib
+ ind. location,
- Quantitative control + quality control.
- Encouragement — further Fed. money if quality standards adhered to. Quote housing report A.P.I.
- (B) Regional + State
Same thing again at higher level of detail.
- (C) Metrop + city — shape + form of metrop, zoning, new towns, redevelopment, transport
- (D) Local Municipal Neighborhood.

new types of housing, new types of city centre dev. Shopping Centres, industrial estates.

III Public Interest

Health Safety, General Welfare
Convenience, Economy, Amenity

A legal sanction for action to perform a public purpose.

Can protect public against summat
or can provide for summat.

Evolving concept — widening over years — regulated by Courts — good because it forces planners to prove public interest in court,

IV Urban Dev. AND Pub Interest.

How does present urban dev. conflict with public interest or with an advanced form of public interest?

See it every day in our cities.

Many of the changes needed are being delayed by lack of money, but others are not.

Some changes needed effect the balance between public + private investment, between important + trivial forms of investment.

But major single change or direction of change must be towards larger-scale thinking, planning + action in urban development.

This is seen for e.g. in new shopping centre which is a

private ent, prototype of
city as it should or will be.
Old way of allowing cities to
grow, block by block, is
as obsolete as hansom cabs

Read from "Sydney's Future."
using inner city redevelopment
as an example of
properly conceived urban
devel.

Finish show slides

Conclude, referring to ends
and legislative means, to be
worked out by new left,