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Dear Mr Dusseldorp,

Dr. Denning of the N.S.W. Government Office here in New York suggested that I write to you concerning the present prospects for urban renewal in Australian cities. Various items of news reaching here lead me to believe that certain kinds of comprehensive redevelopment projects are at last becoming both economically and politically feasible in Sydney and Melbourne. I understand also that you yourself and your companies are leading this trend by introducing concepts of urban development new to Australia.

I am an urban designer, being both a qualified architect and a qualified city planner, having worked and studied in these fields in Australia, Italy, England and in the U.S.A., over a ten year period altogether. During two and a half years in this country, I have gained the Master in City Planning degree at M.I.T., and am at present working with I.M. Pei and Associates, planning and helping to design some projects for Mr William Zeckendorf. I have been wondering if the time is not ripe for a return to Australia, but I hesitate to leave this present position without some assurance that the current talk of urban renewal in Australia is in fact more than talk.

If the prospects for serious large-scale activity in this field in Australia are good, then do you think that the services of a consultant, specialized in this type of work, would find employment of reasonable scope and continuity?

G. Dusseldorp, Esq.

It seems that no one would be in a better position than yourself to express an opinion on this. Your opinion on the opportunities I would have to make a real contribution in the field of large scale urban redevelopment in Australia would be highly appreciated. The policies and needs of your own organisation regarding research, planning, design and liason services would be matters heavily influencing any role I might play.

At this time I have the opportunity to take out papers for permanent residence in the United States and in consequence I would be very glad to hear from you at your earliest convenience. I enclose for your perusal a résumé of my training, qualifications and experience. I trust that you will hold my enquiry in confidence for the time being.

Very truly yours,

George Clarke