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## ESTATE MANAGER SEEKS COMMENTS ON DRAFT DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The Estate Manager, Mr. J.F. Bell, today released the following statement:

"Copies of the Draft Development Plan for the University to 1990 have been distributed to members of the Councils of the University and the Institute of Education, members of Senate, all Departmental Chairmen, the Union Board of Management, the Students Representative Council, and all who have provided written comments on the earlier plan published in October 1974. It has also been forwarded to some outside organisations such as the Wollongong City Council and Department of Main Roads.

The essential difference in this plan is that it provides for the University eventually to control and use the total site currently occupied by both the Institute and the University. It develops a proposed timetable for doing this which involves a revision of the building proposals for 1976-78.

For this reason a very early decision on the principles on which the development is proposed is necessary. This decision cannot be made by the Council of the University, but will require the agreement of the appropriate State and Australian Government authorities. These authorities will however need to know whether the University Council supports the Draft Plan in principle.

The University Council will consider the plan on Friday 18th April 1975 and if comments by concerned people are to be considered they need to be available by 16th April.

The Buildings and Grounds Committee of Council at its meeting on Tuesday 8th April decided to recommend that the plan should be approved in principle, i.e.

that the development of the University should

- (a) accept the concept of development of disciplines in zones as outlined in the plan, and
- (b) that the main thrust of future development should be along the axis which runs from the existing buildings in the south east corner of the site up the ridge to the existing buildings of the Institute.

The plan will also be considered by Senate at its meeting on Wednesday 16th April.

The plan has been considered by a Joint Working Party of the University and the Institute on Site Development, and they have recommended that a timetable for transfer of the Institute be established as early as possible and that a more detailed plan, generally in accordance with the Draft Development Plan, be prepared to establish the sequence of site works and buildings necessary so that the work of both institutions can continue with minimum interference.

To enable your comments to be examined by Council, will you please forward them to the Estate Manager as early as possible and not later than 16th April 1975.

The more detailed consideration of the 1976-78 buildings will come before Council on Friday 27th June, however, to allow comment to be considered by all the committees concerned it should be forwarded to the Estate Manager by Wednesday 28th May.

Your contribution to the development of the University is invited. If you have not seen a copy of the Draft Development Plan, some additional copies are available on loan from the office of the Estate Manager."