

WHY GREEN BANS?





Public transport and housing are neglected, while inner city communities are chewed up by office blocks



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PEOPLE BEFORE PROFITS

"4 million square feet of un-let office space in Sydney."
(Financial Review, 3rd August, 1973)

While there is a shortage of labor, materials and finance for houses, flats and units, developers, with Askins support, ravage park land (Kellys Bush and Eastlakes — banned), destroy historical buildings (ANZ bank in Martin Place, — banned, C.M.L. — now retained because of ban), rob the city of cultural expression (Theatre Royal — replaced in new building because of ban, and Regent Theatre — banned) and dessimate residential communities (Woollomooloo, the Rocks, and Darlinghurst — banned).

All this in the interests of a fast buck with no thought to the future of the city.

People need protection — builders labourers support their needs by placing green bans.

POLITICAL PROVOCATION

IN RECENT WEEKS:

13 BLs have been arrested (5 officials and 8 rank and file workers) insisting on traditional union rights to enter sites where the award has been breached and safety is unsatisfactory.

Dishonest full page ads have been inserted in daily papers and BLs' wage packets by the Master Builders Association designed to confuse and mislead workers in the industry.

Once again the M.B.A. has banned week-end overtime.

On the same day as the Sydney Cove Redevelopment Authority, set up by Askin, tried to use scabs to break the green ban on the Rocks, and the state controlled Department of Main Roads tried to break the ban in Glebe, the M.B.A. lodged an application to have the union deregistered. Hardly a coincidence.

ASKIN IS ATTEMPTING TO DESTROY THE INFLUENCE OF BUILDERS LABOURERS — THE BLF's CONCERN FOR PEOPLE HAS STOOD IN THE WAY OF HIS DEVELOPERS.

DON'T BE DIVERTED BY HIS PROVOCATION FROM WHAT SHOULD BE THE REAL ISSUES IN THE COMING STATE ELECTION — THE RIGHT OF LOW INCOME EARNERS TO LIVE IN THE INNER CITY AND HOUSING FOR THE 40,000 FAMILIES ON THE HOUSING COMMISSION WAITING LIST.

THE ASKIN GOVERNMENT MUST BE DEFEATED.

Housing, still in a reasonable condition, is destroyed by developers so they can make their profits — meanwhile residents are forced out into suburbs where there are no facilities.

