

BANS BIG SETBACK TO SYDNEY

The Lord Mayor, Alderman Griffin, said yesterday irresponsible bans on city buildings could eventually suppress the entire development of Sydney.

Criticising the Builders Labourers' Federation, which this week announced a ban on the \$500-million redevelopment of East Sydney, Alderman Griffin said: "A small group of people has eroded the powers vested in elected and qualified authorities.

"If this keeps up, it will not be long before there is complete paralysis."

In addition to banning the development of East Sydney in an area bounded by College, William and Oxford Streets, the federation has also prohibited:

All demolition work for the proposed Eastern Suburbs expressway, which is to run from Woolloomooloo to Bondi via Taylor Square, and the \$80 million commercial-residential development of Woolloomooloo planned by Gateway Developments.

Alderman Griffin said that if the present situation was carried to its logical conclusion no develop-

cern is for the small company which could face financial ruin by such a ban.

"Qualified people should be the ones who decide the overall benefits or disadvantages of development projects."

Alderman Griffin said the time was near when two neighbours could prevent a major development scheme of benefit to many other neighbours if they opposed it for purely selfish reasons.

Other projects on which the federation has placed black bans include:

The \$500 million Rocks redevelopment.

The demolition of the Congregational Church, Pitt Street.

The Theatre Royal demolition.

Excavation for a car-park for the Opera House.

The Moore Park-Centennial Park sporting centre.

The ANZ Bank, City.

The Colonial Mutual building, City.

The National Mutual building, City.

Kellys Bush, Hunters Hill.

Lyndhurst House, Glebe.

The Regent Theatre.

The Royal Australasian College of Physicians building, City.

The Hotel Victoria, Hunter

...ment would be allowed.

"Many companies must be thinking twice about building in Sydney because their development might be subjected to a black ban," he said.

"My particular con-

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They have refused to work on home unit projects at Eastlakes, Waterloo and Mascot, saying there is no place for high buildings in these areas.