

## Planning power grab

The NSW Urban Task Force has recommended that the Central Sydney Planning Committee take responsibility for planning and major development (over \$50 million) assessment in North Sydney. The taskforce's chief executive, Aaron Gadiel, said North Sydney had the metropolitan area's second-largest office market, as well as key foreshore and tourist precincts. "Planning in North Sydney should mirror that in the other half of global Sydney," he said. North Sydney Mayor Genia McCaffery, rejected the suggestion. "There is no evidence of poor planning decisions in the North Sydney CBD," she said. "If Mr Gadiel wants North Sydney residents out in their thousands and the state government wants war on the North Shore, this is a good way to do it."

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