



PRIME MINISTER

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STATEMENT BY THE PRIME MINISTER, THE HON P J KEATING MP

Premier Fahey's new plan for the so-called "greening of the Cahill Expressway" gives everybody an indication of the complete botch Premier Fahey and his Government are making of the founding site of the nation.

Premier Fahey is on the record a number of times saying he knows the Expressway should go but he now wants to spend money retaining it and apparently knocking out one traffic lane for landscaping.

If this Expressway is as important to traffic as he alleged it was when the Commonwealth Government proposed removal of the Expressway, how is the State Government now able to reduce the traffic capacity of the roadway?

The NSW Government is apparently now issuing a questionnaire to Sydney-siders asking them how to beautify the Quay. No decision making - just questions.

The obvious way to beautify the Quay is to take the eyesore down.

This hotch-potch proposed by Mr Fahey will not do anything to reduce the widespread perception that Mr Fahey's stewardship of the City is bereft of any of the vision needed to celebrate the foundation-site of the country as the new century and the Olympics approach.

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