

INQUIRY INTO ISSUES RELATING TO REDFERN/WATERLOO

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The Chairman

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SOCIAL ISSUES COMMITTEE

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Dear Sir,

Re: Heroin Shooting Galleries.

I write to strongly oppose the establishment of a heroin shooting gallery on "The Block" in Redfern - a move which is also opposed by the Redfern Aboriginal leaders.

It would be unfortunate if the wishes of the Lord Mayor, Clover Moore, whose views differ from the bulk of society, were to prevail, especially when the Aboriginal people themselves are opposed to this proposal.

The answer for the Aboriginal people at Redfern, and indeed for all other addicts, is not more shooting galleries, but establishment of long term rehabilitation centres where they can receive committed, compassionate + professional care to help them come off drugs altogether.

Unfortunately, Governments look for a "quick fix" to major problems instead of putting resources into good long term solutions that will eventually save many lives and many millions of dollars in welfare.

Yours sincerely

Dianne Cairncross