

## SquatSpace invites you on the REDFERN-WATERLOO TOUR OF BEAUTY

As part of the *ArtLanguage: Every Publishable Place* exhibition at The Cross Art Projects, Sydney's SquatSpace will be running another popular 'Redfern Waterloo Tour of Beauty', a bicycle tour of a number of Redfern-Waterloo's housing, development and historical hotspots. This is our fifth tour.

NB: There are a few \*strictly limited\* places on the SquatSpace minibus for those with reduced mobility or no bike - please book immediately and let us know if you will be needing minibus transport (bookings - email [info@squatspace.com](mailto:info@squatspace.com)). Full details at [www.squatspace.com/redfern](http://www.squatspace.com/redfern)

### WHEN:

2 PM-6 PM, Sunday April 9th 2006

### WHERE:

Meet 2 PM sharp in front of the (ex) TNT towers on Lawson St Redfern.

Enquiries: 0422771092 or [info@squatspace.com](mailto:info@squatspace.com)

NB: BYO Bicycle!

### COST: FREE!

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### ABOUT THE PROJECT:

In late 2004, the NSW government formed the Redfern Waterloo Authority (RWA), and granted itself sweeping powers to displace residents and pave the way for urban renewal.

The RWA has released its draft plans. The public has until 14 April to respond. Potential issues involve:

- < an attempt to reduce the indigenous population on the Block, against the wishes of its current owners, the Aboriginal Housing Company
- < the sale of key local community assets, such as the Redfern Public School, Rachel Forster Women's Hospital, and the Redfern Courthouse
- < the selective re-writing of heritage laws in order to allow for the private development of these sites
- < the reduction of health and community services in the area
- < a doubling of the population from 20,000 to 40,000 residents
- < a lack of proper community consultation in the planning and implementing of these changes
- < a lack of accountability: Frank Sartor (the head of the RWA) answers to the State Minister for Planning (who also happens to be Frank Sartor)

SquatSpace has been meeting with local community representatives in an attempt to understand exactly what the RWA's actions would mean for life in Redfern/Waterloo.

**The issues are extremely complex, and not easy to grasp simply by reading news articles or looking at maps. The best way to "get a feel" for the area is to see it with your own eyes, and have a chance to ask questions and raise concerns. This is why we have been running these tours as an ongoing project.**

Sites we visit on the bus tour may include:

- < The Block, the heart of indigenous housing and culture in Sydney
- < The Settlement, Australia's longest running community centre
- < Redfern Public School, Redfern Courthouse, Rachel Forster Hospital, all slated for private sale and development
- < The public housing towers in Waterloo (pictured above)
- < The Danks St gallery precinct (SOCS) - "a little piece of Paddington in Waterloo".