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Talking to locals was part of the plan

The Better Planning Network is correct in its recommendation against combining strategic roles with approval functions at the Greater Sydney Commission ("Concern over conflict of interest with dual positions", April 3).

The district commissioners were nominated by the local councils in each district to be the people who understood local issues.

To now find that they cannot talk to local communities about planning matters as it could conflict with their role as chairmen of the District Planning Panel alienates them from their community.

A better approach would be for the government to appoint independent chairmen of the planning panels as happens everywhere else in the state.

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Reforms discriminate

David de Carvalho writes

ney we tried our best to negotiate in the dark.

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Black spot gets blacker

Craig Forbes asks why the Dan Murphy's bottle shop development proceeded when it was well known the site was under consideration for resumption by WestConnex, and it was suggested that only minimal compensation be paid as a consequence (Letters, April 3). Perhaps it's because Dan Murphy's thought, as the rest of us did, that even WestConnex would not be so shortsighted as to try to use that site for the proposed purpose. Darley Road is narrow, congested and potholed. Traffic snarls are now at least a kilometre long each morning as traffic waits to get onto the Citywest Link at Leichhardt. It simply will not manage additional traffic of upwards of 200 trucks a day. The road is also a well-known black spot for