

No solution

The proposal to install a *pissoir* in Springfield Plaza (*Herald*, September 5) is a typically muddled response from South Sydney Council to the complex issues which affect residents of the Kings Cross/Potts Point area.

Problem: undesirables flock to Kings Cross, making life miserable for residents. Solution: build facilities for undesirables; locals still miserable. WRONG! The real solution is to deal with the problem.

Though allegedly a tourist precinct (whatever that means), Kings Cross has no public toilets. The Fitzroy Gardens toilet block is the council's disgrace — a stinking cesspit that is a no-go area to all but the most olfactorily challenged addicts and rent boys. There are no safe facilities for women or children, nor will there be under South Sydney Council's plan.

Springfield Plaza is not the only street in Kings Cross where urinating in public is a problem, but it is the site of a 24-hour open-air drug market, so residents are understandably apprehensive that a *pissoir* will create more problems than it solves.

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September 9 Kings Cross.

"No solution", 2011RA letter, SMH, 17.9.1996, p. 16



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