

Waterloo Waterloo went from 12 to over 100 factories in the period 1910 to 1914 Chinese community 'built a temple [still standing] in 1909. Large market gardens in area 1972 Housing commission wanted to clear 26 acres - locals revolted and bitter struggle resulted. This was after towers had been built. First Lebanese Church in Australia built 1895 - St Michaels.

Redfern Land subdivided in 1840 Population doubled each decade from 1200 in 1850 to 22,000 in 1901 Second highest population density in Sydney Residents included Caroline Chisholm, first ALP prime Minister, John Christian Watson, James McGowan [NSW Premier] Williarn McKell, Jim Cope [speaker of House for decades]

General County of Cumberland Planning Scheme 1948 regarded area as obsolete. Wanted to replace industrial with high density residential. [Strata Title invented to allow selling apartments in the air] Area had four times as many workers as residents. 3/4 Sydney's factory employees worked within 3 and 1/2 mile radius of Redfern Railway Station. Recognised that this would be large scale gentrification. RWA is finishing gentrification off. Community Infrastructure is being sold off - Court House, Post Office, Police Station, Hospital, School

DoH

Waterloo 2,500 households. Redfern 2,000 households. Towers have 200 households in 16 storey buildings Pensioner towers are thirty stories. Current allocation policies are community destroying. 17 % p.a. turnover Community not as strong as previous - deliberate weakening by DoH policies Community stronger than private sector. Still look out for each other. Becoming polarised RWA looking at ways to sell off land mass.

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