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The initial outline of the Sunbury satellite plan came under strong criticism last night from town planners, economists and ecological experts.

An interim report drawn up by the Royal Institute of Architects was presented last night to experts for comment.

While the interim report came under strong criticism experts voted overwhelming

support for the value of the project.

Mr. Douglas March, an economist, said the interim report lacked explicit detail in planning objectives.

"There was talk in the report of a dormitory, but for whom is it planned, and why?"

"There is also no mention of where the population will come from to occupy this satellite town."

Mr. Tom Farrell, an ecologist, said there was little

evaluation of vegetation in the study.

He said that the ecological examinations contained in the reports were extremely limited.

The town of Sunbury is being used by the Royal Australian Institute of Architects as the basis for a unique satellite development study.

For the past six months a design panel of prominent architects, town planners and consultants has been

working on a model development at Sunbury.

In reply to last night's criticism, the chairman of the committee responsible for the report (Mr. Andrew McCutcheon) said the study was intended to be a vehicle to air a number of planning issues with the public.

He said the committee would not be afraid to scrap the scheme if they thought it had no value.