

# UTZON HOLDS BACK PLANS

Mr Joern Utzon's failure to present drawings and specifications with his \$500,000 bill for work on the Sydney Opera House could seriously delay further design on the project.

Mr Utzon presented his bill for fees and expenses earlier this week. The Government had expected him to submit the drawings and specifications to substantiate his claims.

The panel of architects appointed to carry on the project has already begun to familiarise itself with the project, but further design work will be held up pending the presentation of Mr Utzon's drawings.

The Minister for Public Works, Mr Davis Hughes, said yesterday he was surprised to learn that the drawings would be held by Mr Utzon's solicitors until the Government had paid his claims.

"It is not practicable for the Government to determine without the drawings what Mr Utzon should be paid," he said.

"Apart from Mr Utzon's natural interest in having the project completed as closely as possible to his concept, the drawings will be supporting evidence for details in his claims for settlement."

So far, the Government has not asked Mr Utzon to present his drawings.

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