

Don't shut the door on pockets of decay

For a city's people to have pride in themselves a city must have pride in itself, and too often and in too many places in Sydney there are pockets of decay which those in charge appear content to ignore.

And even if the problem is acknowledged there is then the all too familiar shifting of blame between state, local and federal authorities while the sore simply festers unattended.

In the case of the pedestrian underpass at Railway Square, it is both an eyesore and a gaping wound, with a key transport

interchange that is often the gateway to the city for overseas and interstate visitors left in a state of defaced dysfunction that is frankly laughable for a first world global city.

Little wonder businesses are fed up to the back teeth and calling on government to immediately address this urban mess, with the tireless Business Sydney chief Paul Nicolau describing the situation as "appalling".

How can Sydney possibly be on the move when the front door to our city is a broken escalator? This embarrassment must be fixed now.