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00 Project Summary

Adelaide Central Plaza Tower

Centrally located in the premium cultural precinct of North Terrace, this landmark project responds to the significance of it's location, aiming to create a positive, lasting impact.

Responding to the primarily hard built edge of the Southern side of North Terrace, the mass of the lower levels is brought to the boundary. A rhythm already established by neighbouring heritage is continued through structured masonry elements with deep reveals to allow activation, permeability while still maintaining strength and solidity to the buildings base. Holding the North Terrace frontage to both corners of the site, the rhythm continues into both the access lane, and into Charles Street with activation of the pedestrian link a strong focus.

A secondary rhythm in the buildings base allows a finer level of detail and references the reduced height of the adjacent heritage to the west. Fine bronze details culminate above bronze-coloured canopies that further respond to a pedestrian scale at street level, while reiterating the street rhythm by projecting between the masonry columns.

A significant break in the building's mass is apparent at levels 5 and 6, housing commercial office & shared meeting areas along with external terraces. This break references existing context and rationalises the proportion of the tower. The tower's materiality is paired back further enabling the tower to respond to the cityscape in a consistent way, while still referencing the base through it's rhythm.

Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the Kaurna Nation as the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which the project sits and PACT architects is located.

We respect and acknowledge their respective ongoing relationships with these lands and their connected bodies of water.



Location

210 North Terrace, Adelaide

Building Type

Commercial

Program

- Partial demolition of an existing retail building
- Construction of a 30 storey, 132m tall mixed use commercial office tower.
- Connectivity and integration into remaining existing building.

Lower Podium Levels - Public Precinct:

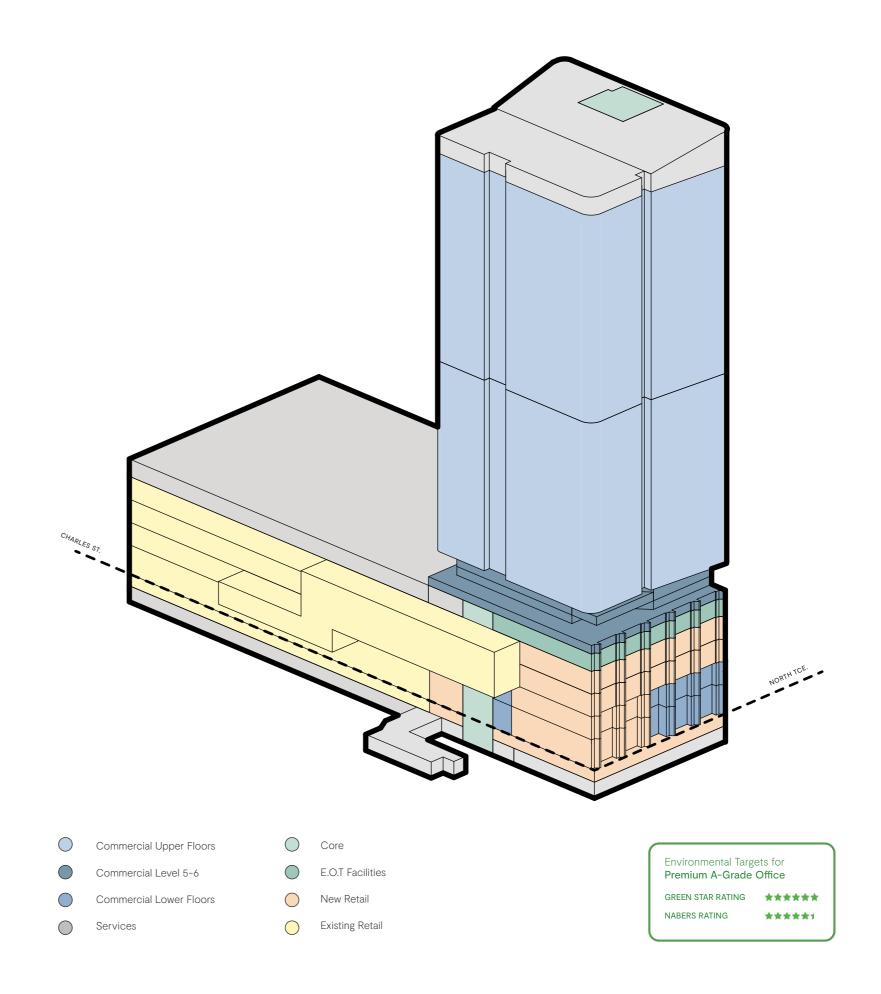
- Basement servicing/ loading via new connection to existing loading area.
- Lower ground food court to connect into existing.
- At grade double height commercial lobby with cafe retail.
- Level 2 new food and beverage precinct.
- Level 3 new retail.
- Level 4 EOT

Terrace Precinct - Levels 05-06:

- Levels 05 & 06 comprise recessed levels with internal commercial office & shared meeting areas along with external terrace with landscaping opportunities.
- Landscaped, communal, high value amenity.

Tower - Levels 07-30

PCA Premium A-Grade commercial office tower.



O1 Site Analysis

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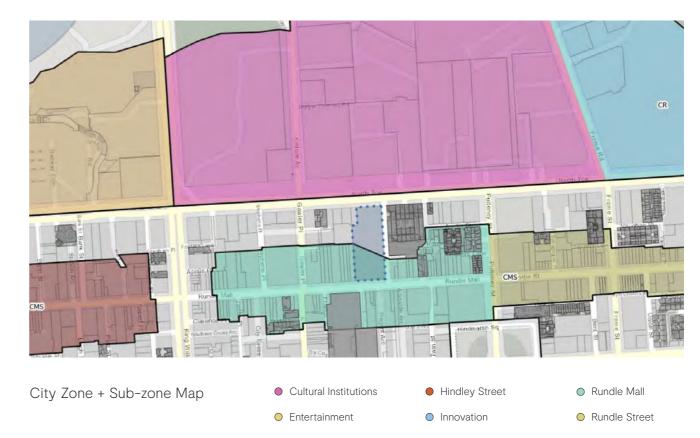


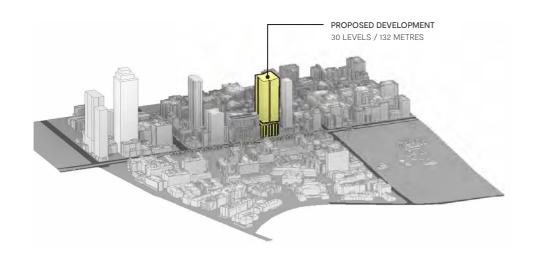


Urban Context Map



Aerial View of Adelaide + North Terrace from the North.







Height Restrictions

Note: No prescribed height limitations.



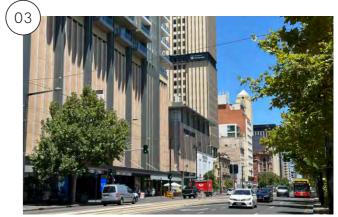


Site Context 01

Adelaide Central Plaza + Charles Street.

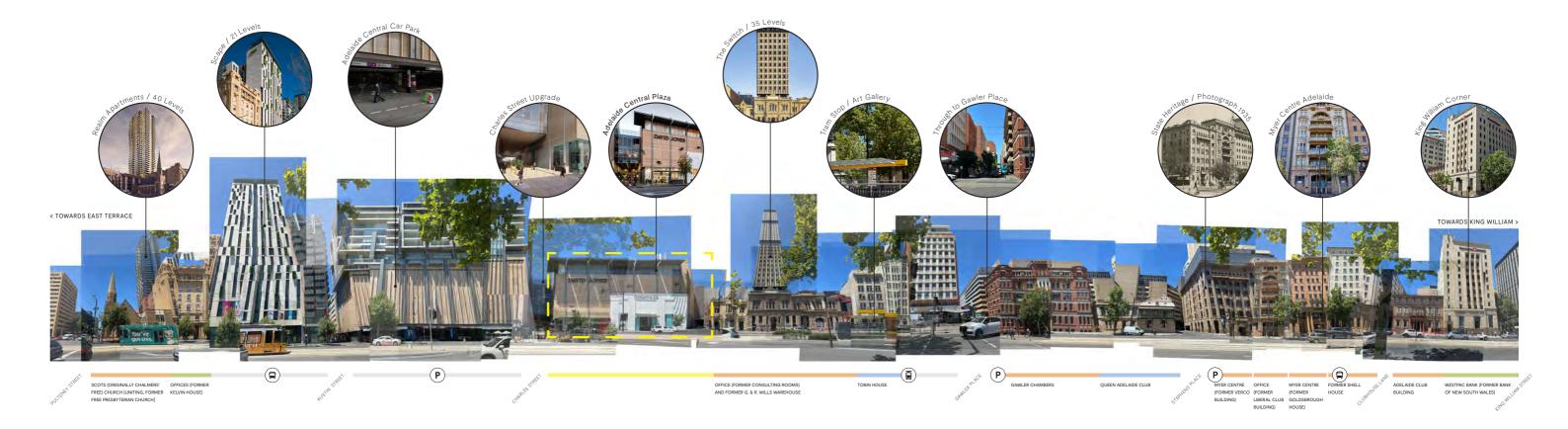


Site Context 02 Corner of North Terrace + Kintore Avenue.



Site Context 03 North Terrace looking West.

Site Analysis Street Context



North Terrace Context

- State Heritage Area
- State Heritage Place
- Local Heritage Place
- Non-Heritage Site
- Adelaide Central Plaza



Innovation North Terrace is undergoing a transformative phase with city-shaping projects, including Keystone Tower.



Cultural Hub Home to iconic institutions, vibrant public spaces, and landmarks including the Art Gallery of South Australia and the South Australian Museum.



Heritage North Terrace showcases Adelaide's rich heritage, with historic architecture, cultural landmarks, and sites that honour South Australia's layered history.



Education + Learning The area features The University of Adelaide, the University of South Australia (UniSA), and Adelaide Botanic High School, with Adelaide University set to open in January 2026.

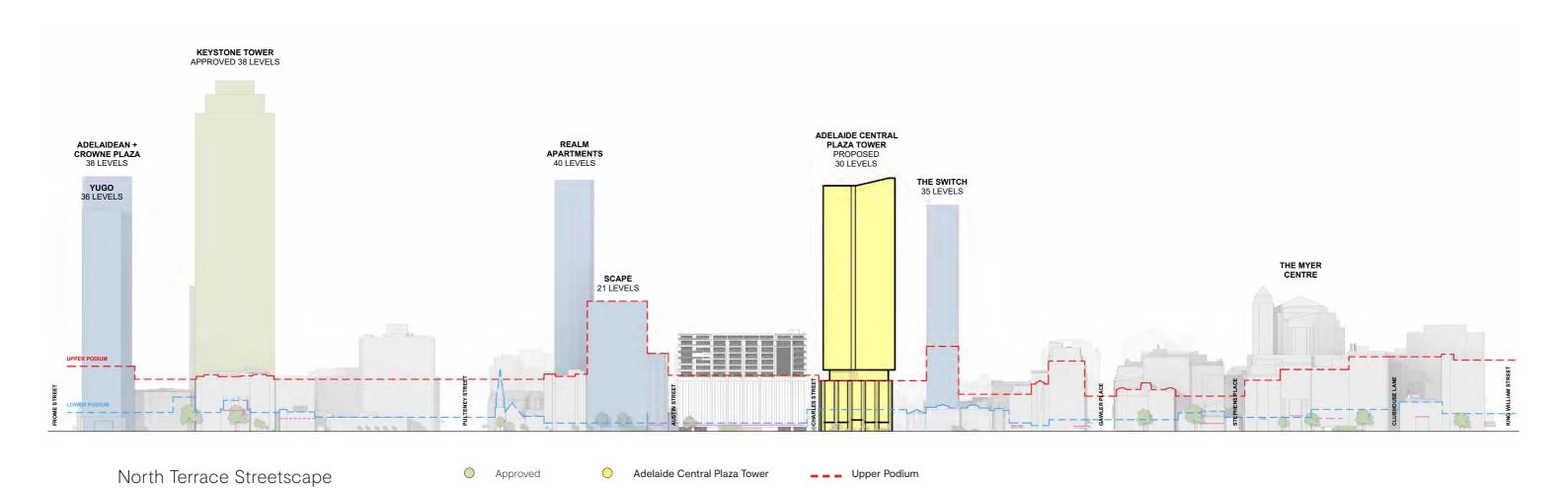


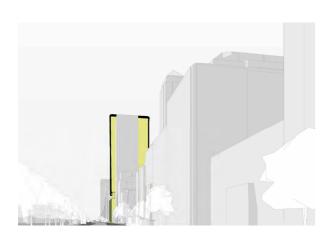
Walkability A pedestrian-friendly area with access to public transport, shaded plazas, historic arcades, and revitalised lane ways, including the Charles Street upgrade.

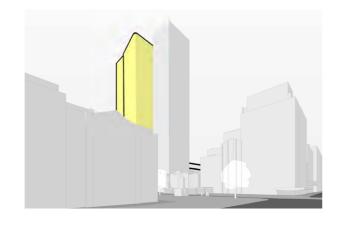
Tram Stop

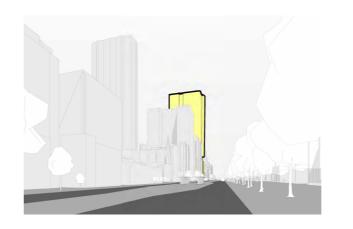
Bus Stop

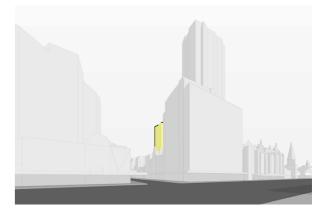
Parking











North Tce looking East.

Cnr Kintore Ave + North Terrace.

North Tce looking West.

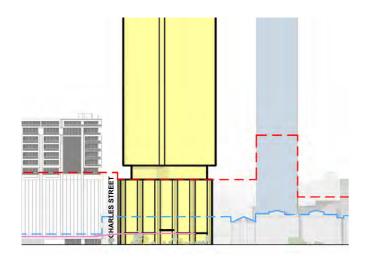
- - Lower Podium

Cnr Rundle Street + Rundle Mall.

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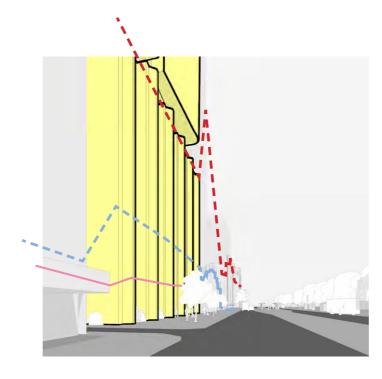
Adelaide Central Plaza Tower

Site Analysis Site Context

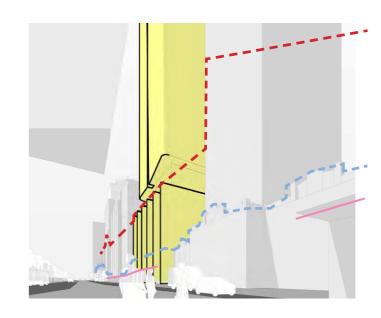


01 Streetscape Diagram Contextual Reference Heights

North Elevation with outline of existing built mass and street canopies.



02 Streetscape Diagram Canopy Heights
Corner of Charles Street looking West with outline of existing built mass and street canopies.



03 Streetscape Diagram Heritage Forms

Art Gallery tram stop looking East with outline of adjacent state heritage buildings.





Two Level Existing State Heritage to the West of the site on North Terrace.





Existing Laneway

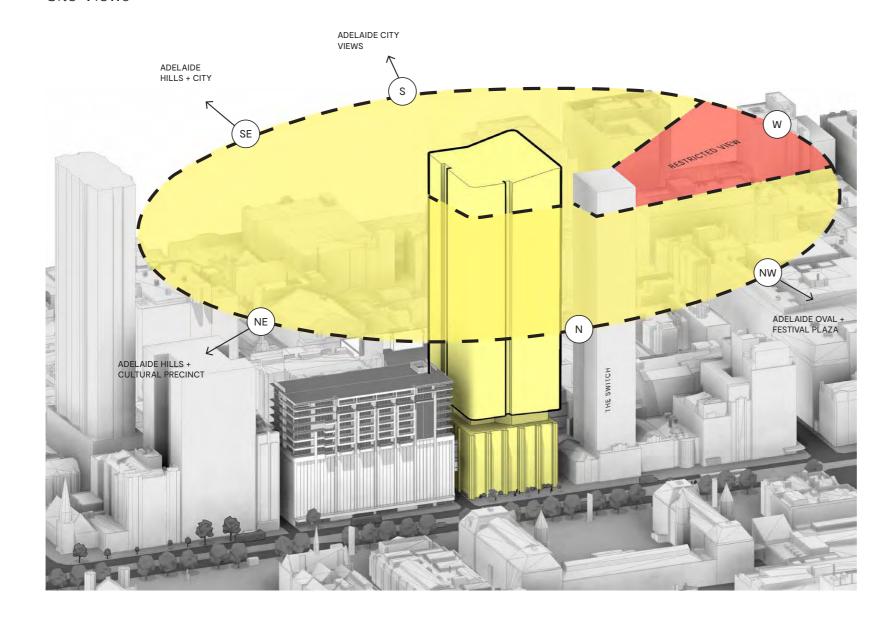
Service lane with Heritage adjacency to remain. The laneway is within our site boundary with rights to neighbour. Fire egress from existing building through laneway.





Street Activation

Existing built form with access along Charles Street to Rundle Mall on left. Charles Street is currently undergoing an upgrade as a key pedestrian link. Building above Charles street to remain and connection to car park to be maintained.



North Views towards Adelaide Oval + North Adelaide.



South Views across CBD, towards the Adelaide Hills.

West

Building Mass + Views from the site



East Views towards Adelaide Hills + Eastern Suburbs.



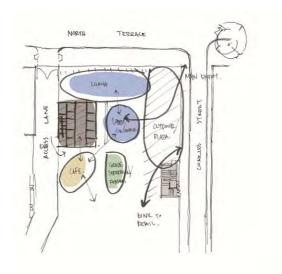
Views towards Parliament House, Festival Plaza + Medical Precinct.

02 Design Response

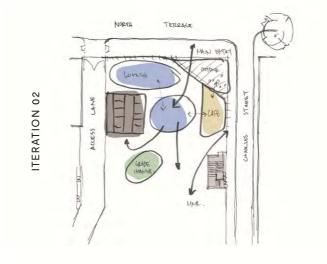
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Design Response Preliminary Program Study

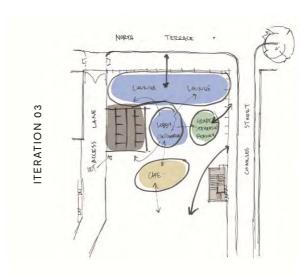
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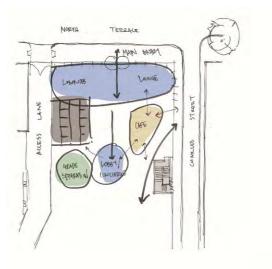
- Lobby at North Terrace Level
- Link to retail
- Entrance through shared outdoor plaza
- Cafe near core
- Engagement with key corner



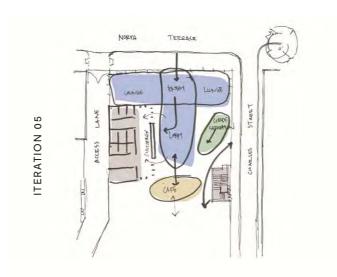
- Lobby at North Terrace Level
- Link to retail from Charles
- Entrance through shared outdoor plaza
- Cafe moved to Charles Street
- Engagement with key corner



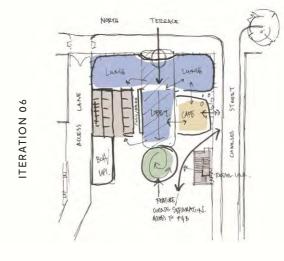
- Lobby at North Terrace Level
- Link to retail from Charles
- Cafe near retail
- Engagement with North Terrace
- Grade separation near lobby



- Lobby at North Terrace Level
- Link to retail from Charles
- Cafe near Charles and lobby
- Engagement with North Terrace
- Grade separation set back

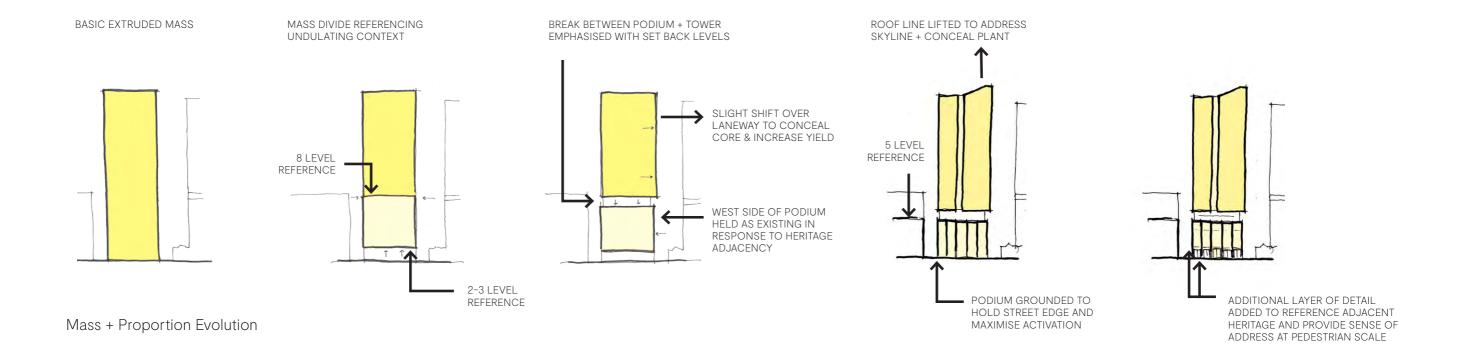


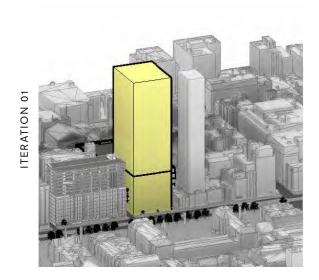
- Lobby at North Terrace Level
 - Link to retail from Charles
- Cafe near retail at end of lobby
- Engagement with North Terrace
- Core split differently



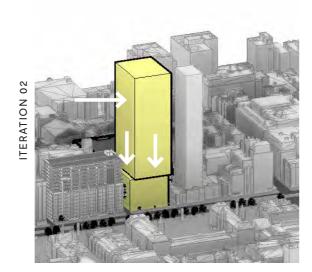
- Lobby at North Terrace Level
- Link to retail
- Cafe near lobby and Charles
- Engagement with North Terrace
- Grade separation featured as destination

ITERATION 04

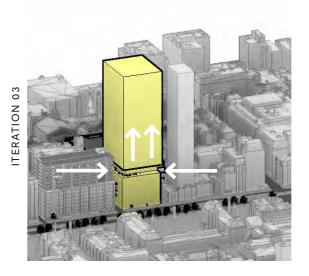




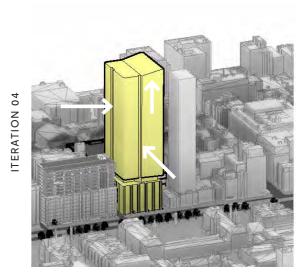




Re-proportion

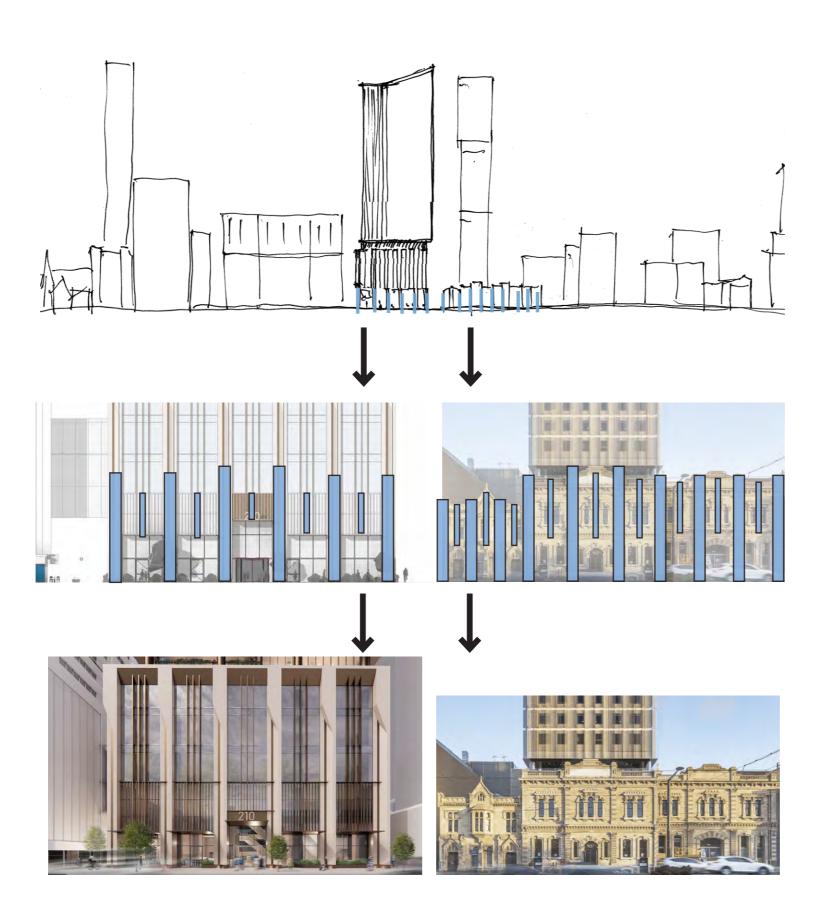


Create recess to emphasise + respond to program.

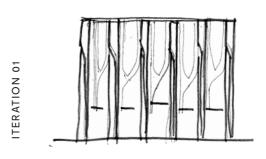


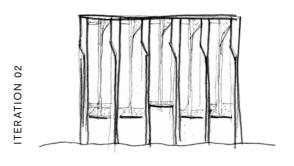
Enhance tower proportion + slenderness.

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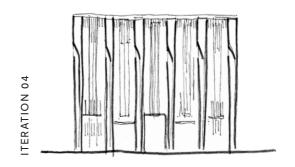


Podium Evolution



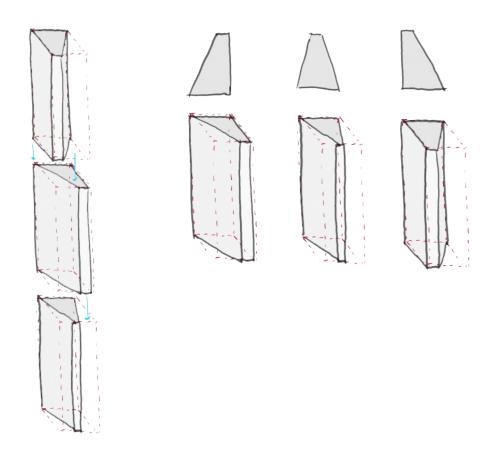






Column Exploration 01

Varied splayed column idea to create movement up the podium.



Key Points

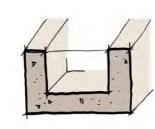
- Rhythm defined by existing heritage adjacency
- Depth + profile of masonry elements maintained & wrapped around Charles Street
- · Corner grounded to hold street edge
- pedestrian scale details evolved to encourage address and activation



Arrival + Ground Activation

Column Exploration 02

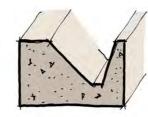
Full height column options with varied profiles.







TAPER INTRODUED
- TAPER INTRODUED
- BULKY IN PERSPECTIVE



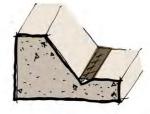
- OPPSET PEWIL POSITIVE - DEEP REVEALS

- BULKY IN PERSPECTIVE



- OFFSET DETAIL
- DEPTH OF ENGLE

- REDUCTION IN BULL



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- OFFSET DETAIL

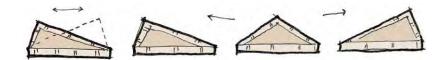
- REDUCTION IN BULK - ADDITION OF DETAIL

- REFERENCE OF CORNER

Design ResponseProportion Study

Fin + Facade Detail Exploration

Consistent back pan and grid with opportunity to direct facade emphasis.



Proportion Study

Exploration of proportion and scale study during Design Review.

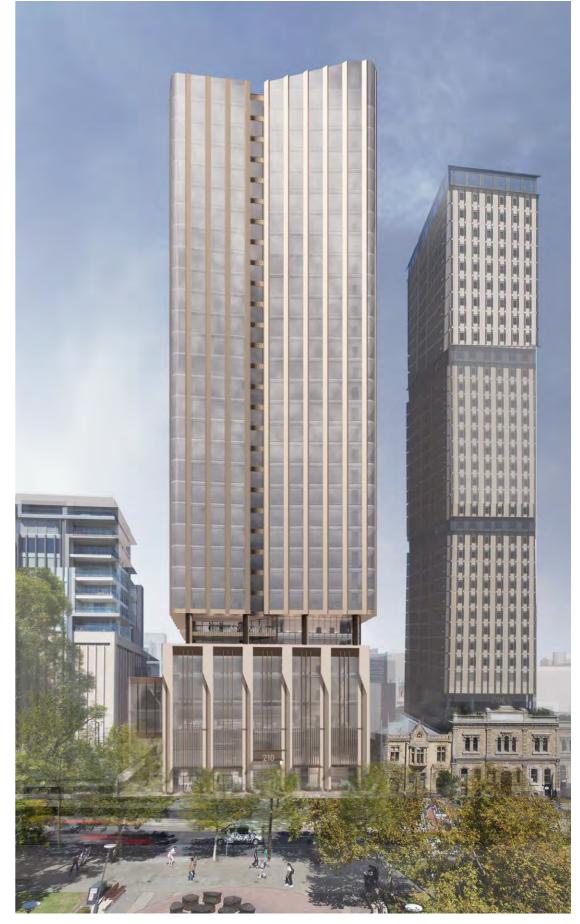












View from South Australian Museum Plaza



Materiality Metallic + glass tower.



Form Tower form tapers as it shifts to



Street Presence Architectural rhythm expands,



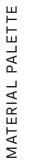
Arrival



Lobby



Large scale with connectibilty





Ground Floor Sandstone/Limestone & Clear Glass.



Ground Floor Clear Glass.



Level 2 and Canopy Bronze or similar.



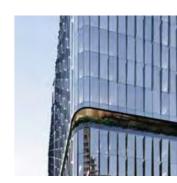
Natural Stone to Podium Sandstone or Limestone.



Detail to Podium Bronze coloured vertical fins + glazed elements.



Recess in Tower Grey Glass.



Tower Curved Glass at Edge.

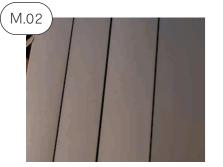


Metallic Element Warm metallic element from podium up tower.

02.7 Design Response Materiality



Natural Limestone Cladding Podium Columns.



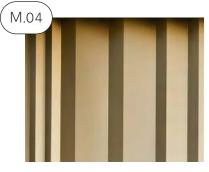
Dark Bronze Coloured Steel & Aluminium

Podium detailing + canopies. Recessed elements in tower.



Dark Bronze Coloured Flat Bar Balustrade

Terrace Balustrade.

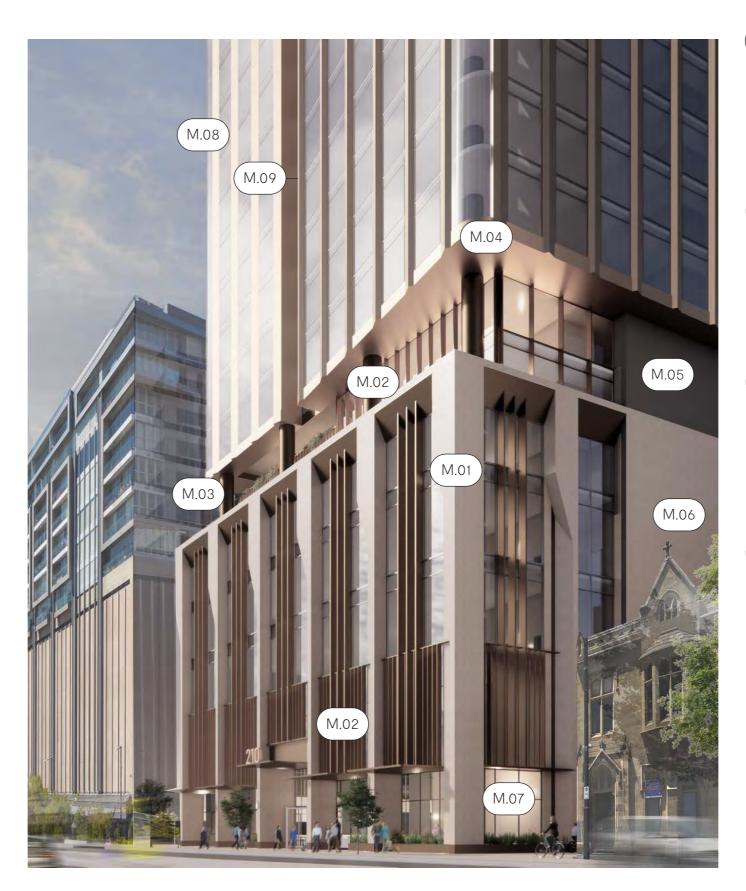


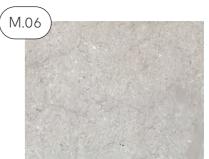
Copper Coloured Metallic Cladding

Tower detailing of fins + tower base.



Charcoal Coloured
Concrete
Upper portion of the core on
Western Podium.

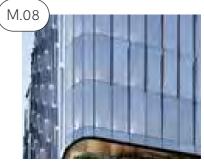




Concrete Render Finish
Lower portion of the core on
Western Podium.



Glass 01 - Clear Ground floor retail + commercial.



Glass 02 - Performance To all upper commercial levels.

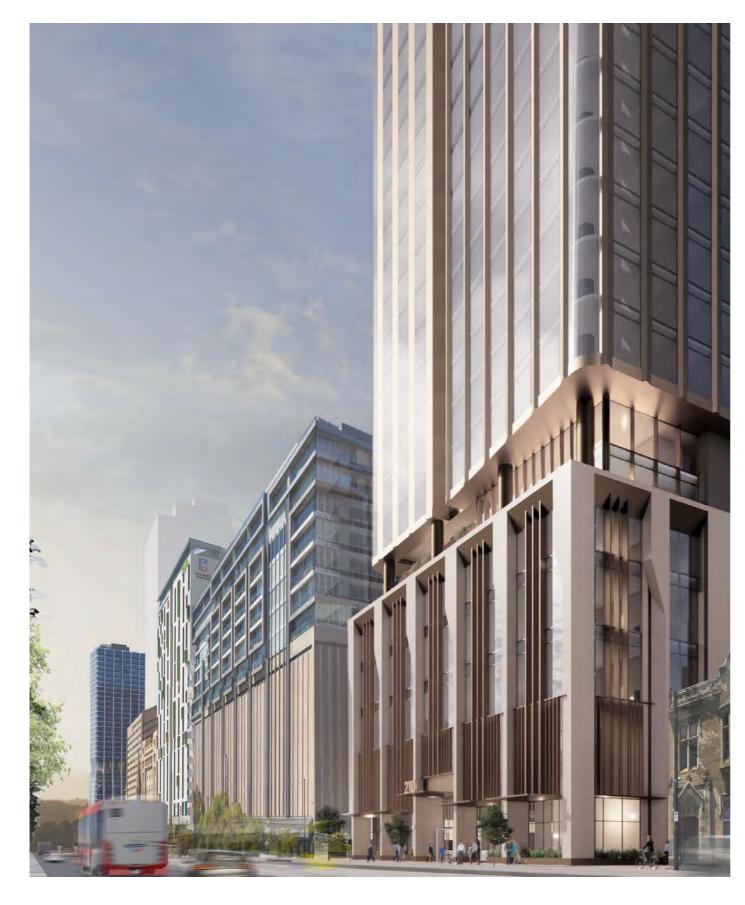


Glass 03 - Grey Tower recesses.

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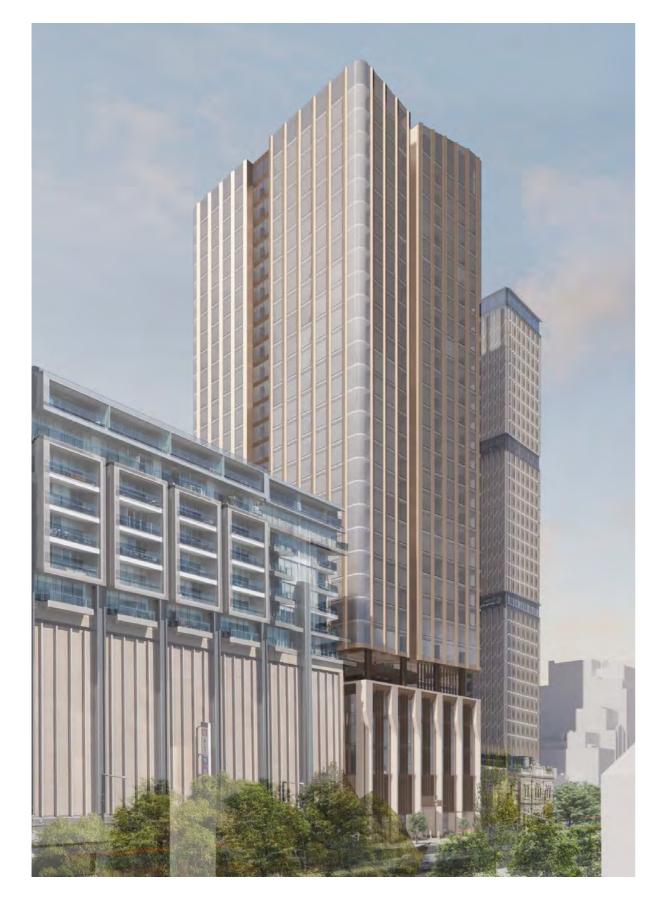
View East down North Terrace.



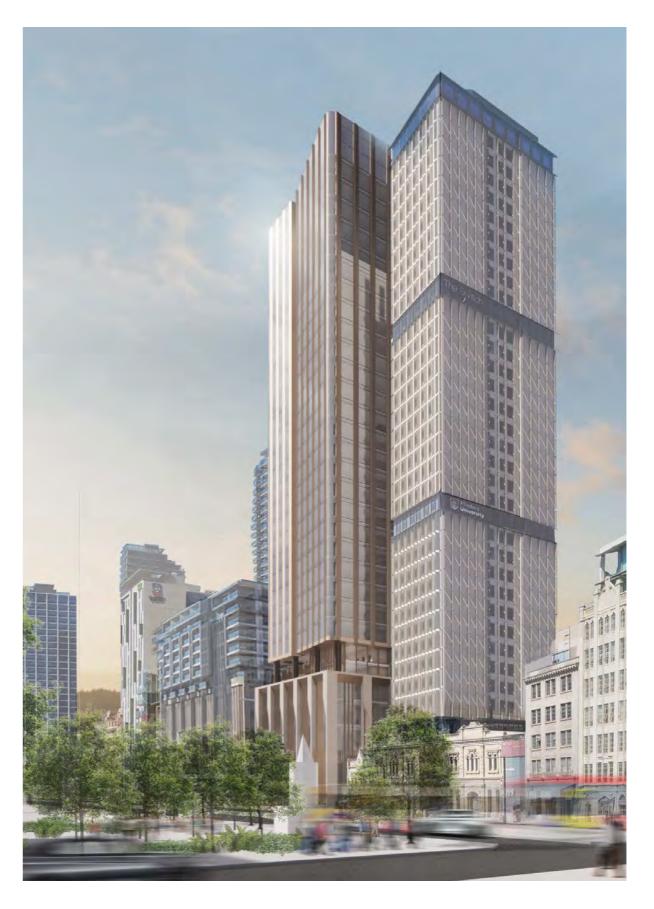
Activation of Charles Street + North Terrace corner.



Arrival to Adelaide Central Plaza Tower.



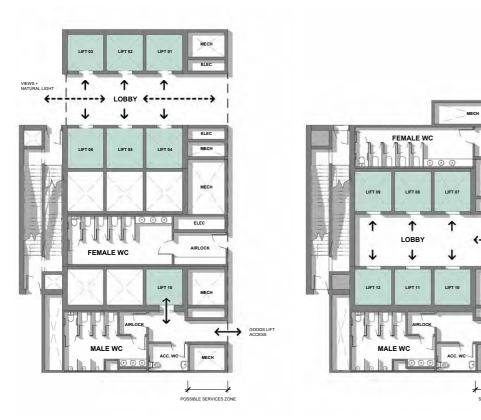
View from above Art Gallery of South Australia.



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View from National War Memorial.





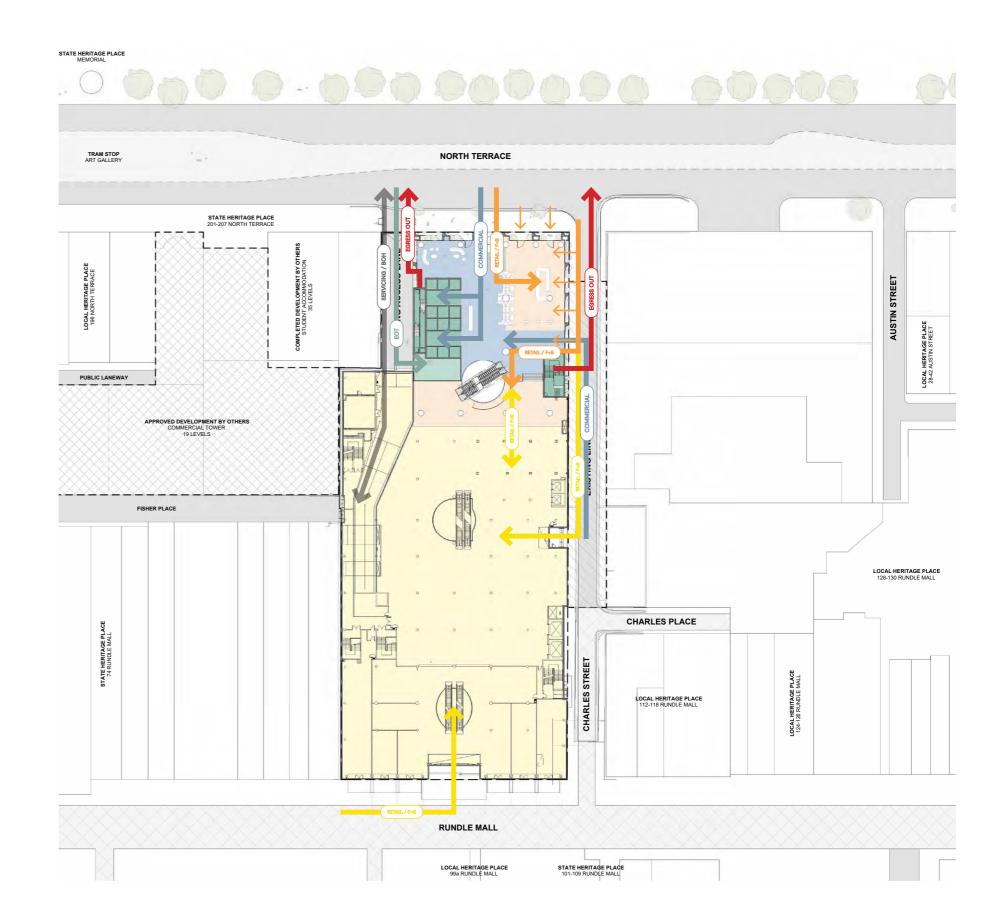
Core Study

Low Rise Levels 12-17

High Rise Levels 18-30

Site + Access Plan

- Commercial Upper Floors
- Commercial Level 10-11
- Commercial Lower Floors
- Services
- E.O.T Facilities
- Existing Retail



Building Program

- Commercial Upper Floors
- Commercial Level 5-6
- Commercial Lower Floors
- Services
- Core
- E.O.T Facilities
- New Retail
- Existing Retail

BASEMENT - LEVEL 4

Mantain existing stair for fire egress

LEVELS 1 + 2
Existing link to remain. Access to neighbouring car park

LOWER GROUND

Existing + New foodcourt

