



Imagine living alongside an artwork that reflects the choices you and your local communities are making towards achieving a sustainable future.... an artwork that lives and breathes, that rewards your choices, that encourages change.

Brief for Sydney site

The proposed site for the Echology public artwork in Sydney is the landmark tower at 1 O'Connell Street in the heart of the Central Business District. Currently undergoing a major refurbishment, the building will be relaunched in mid-2013.

The refurbishment includes a new entry façade and the creation of a larger, light-filled, and modernised lobby.

Notably, the planned redevelopment will bring the building's performance up to a 4.5 star NABERS (National Australian Built Environment Rating System) Energy rating over five years. This is from a base performance of zero stars inherited from the existing building design from the 1980s.



Specific locations for the artwork

The Echology public artwork could be sited at various locations within the building.

A major thoroughfare, the revamped foyer will offer ample opportunities for the building's estimated 2,000 workers to engage with an artwork. The foyer will be home to a number of eateries attracting workers and daytime visitors from around the area.

The blue-lit domed roof of 1 O'Connell Street, a prominent feature of Sydney's skyline, is also available as a potential component of a proposed artwork.

The building also houses the unique Wintergarden space that is a six storey high internal atrium offering public seating and the opportunity to interact with a wide audience.

Artistic themes and criteria

Some site specific and general aspects that artists might want to consider:

- The proximity of 1 O'Connell Street to neighbouring 6 Star rated building at 1 Bligh Street
- The proximity of the building to the botanical gardens
- Potential to be a reference point for the Barangaroo development
- Community engagement and education throughout the life of the project (10 years)
- Alignment with the City of Sydney's 2030 sustainability vision
- Opportunity to engage with the upgrade of the building, contributing or collaborating with the environmental performance, building systems and green infrastructure

Sustainability at 1 O'Connell Street

Energy

- The base plant and building management system were significantly upgraded in 2010, significantly improving the energy efficiency of the base building.
- The refurbishment is designed to achieve a minimum 4.5 star NABERS rating for the building.
- The light fittings across all levels are being replaced with energy efficient T5 lighting.

Water

- Bathrooms will be upgraded to feature 4.5 WELS star (Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards) pans (toilets) and 3 WELS star urinals.

Transport

- The building is extremely well served by public transport.
- There will be provision for over 100 bicycle racks with lockers, showers and changing room facilities.

Waste

- The building will feature a comprehensive recycling service, including food, glass, cardboard, commingled, general, cooking oil and fluorescent tubes.

For more information on the opportunity visit: <http://www.1oconnell.com.au/>