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2019 People's Choice

## Nomination for Urban Award

### GPO Exchange

10 Franklin Street, Adelaide



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Woods Bagot Architects and Built designed this office as a benchmark globally for BHP. It also incorporates the adjacent heritage building and the Attorney-General's Department has signed a 12-year lease for the top half of the new building. The base design was by Adelaide architects Hassell and Sydney designer Siren designed the lobby, with a strong emphasis on digital art throughout. Construction was by Built, while the site is owned by Charter Hall.

A copper-lined staircase reflecting BHP's origin commands the centre of the building, which is aimed to be Adelaide's best. The fitout reflects the landscapes of Olympic Dam and Roxby Downs and the equipment allows remote control of the systems at Olympic Dam. A new blend of open and closed work spaces provides a wide range of options for staff to work in their own chosen environments.

It is designed to achieve a 5-Star NABERS energy rating to 5-Star Green Star Design v3, which is Australia's only national, voluntary rating system for buildings and communities. Hassell is particularly interested in large "city-shaping" projects, and this is in a central position behind the GPO in Victoria Square.