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RLB. WHERE PEOPLE MAKE PROGRESS

For over 240 years, RLB has thrived by bringing together the right people and doing things the right way.

We look out for our people, which means we look out for each-other. Kind of like a family, if that family had 4,500 different, diverse and amazing people around the world.

We work hard, enjoy the journey, and aim to do good, making a lasting positive impact on our communities and planet.

We are proud of our independence, we believe in straight talk, dreaming big and exceeding expectations. Because when the world counts on us, we count on each other.

At RLB, we live by four simple ideas: TRUTH. TRUST. TOGETHER. TOMORROW. Four values that live at the heart of RLB. A place where People Make Progress.

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COST MANAGEMENT & QUANTITY SURVEYING

The secret to every project's commercial success, regardless of size, is to balance quality against costs. To help our clients achieve value for money, we offer a host of services from preliminary cost planning to value engineering, advice on comparative costs, materials selection to buildability to post-contract services.

Feasibility Studies
An accurate feasibility study is an essential prerequisite to any procurement decision-making process. A reliable feasibility study assesses the project's viability and offers alternative solutions if the numbers just don't stack up.

Whether a simple developer's return on capital cost feasibility is required or a detailed discounted cash flow feasibility, we can provide expert analysis and materials.

Our dynamic cost benchmarking data, together with expert cost modelling, helps our clients to review alternative design options, explore 'what if' scenarios and identify the most cost-effective options within the parameters of the brief.

Financial Institution Auditing
Our two-step approach to financial institution audits achieves the best outcomes for our clients. At the pre-commencement stage, RLB expands on the items identified in the financier's brief with a full analysis of all risk-related issues. The result is a comprehensive profile of the project. During the post-contract stage, RLB provides detailed cost-to-complete assessments. This ensures adequate funds, should the financier be required to initiate step-in rights.

We also prepare a pre-commencement report that outlines everything from project costs and adequacy of project documentation to authority approval monitoring, progress payment assessments and recommendations.

Post-Contract Services
Cost certainty during the construction phase relies on robust methodology and skilled staff. RLB applies proven cost management, monitoring and cost reporting procedures, and leads a productive working relationship with the project team. To manage the costs within the budget and support the project business plan, we:

- Review progress claims for work in progress and recommend payment values
- Monitor documentation changes
- Prepare regular financial statements estimating final cost
- Measure, price, and negotiate variations
- Structure agreement of final account
- Attend meetings to represent the financial interests of the client

Tendering and Documentation
With a global cost database and powerful software at our fingertips, we provide accurate and detailed tender documentation on some of the world's best projects. We can:

- Preparation of bills/schedule bills of quantities or schedule of rates
- Preparation of bid documentation for tendering contractors
- Provide strategic advice on methods of project procurement and tendering
- Advise on suitability of contractor tender lists
- Review tenders received and reconciliation to budget and recommend contractors
- Attendance at tender interviews

Value Engineering & Value Management
Delivering value against the project business plan is always a key measure of success. By integrating value and cost management, RLB has developed a powerful and dynamic approach that delivers the best outcomes. We lead participatory workshops with our clients to challenge options and design assumptions, and to encourage creative and lateral thinking. With a laser focus on both value and cost during the design phase, we deliver savings to the bottom line.

PROJECT & PROGRAMMING MANAGEMENT

The old cliché is true: time is money. That's why clients turn to RLB to manage both cost and time. With a deep knowledge of construction techniques, experience working for owners, developers and contractors, and a global database of up-to-the-minute benchmarks, we create bespoke solutions to ensure projects are completed on schedule and on budget.

Pre Contract
We often have clients turn to us when their project is simply sketch or a plan on a page. Our experienced team can:

- Prepare constructability reports to support feasibility studies
- Produce development or master programs at the preliminary design stage
- Design construction programs to determine construction timeframes and staging
- Enhance migration and office restack programming
- Prepare staging plans and construction method statements, progress monitoring and reporting, and pre-tender and tender construction programs
- Improve programming governance with contract programming clauses
- Review contractors' tender programs

Post Contract Audit
Reviewing, monitoring and auditing a contract is a necessary part of any project. RLB's team helps our clients to reassess the highest risk areas and uncover new opportunities. We can:

- Review agreements of contractors' construction programs
- Audit, monitor and report on progress
- Provide independent certifier support for financiers
- Support extension of time claims and litigation
- Advise on programming, project health checks and recovery planning

Litigation Support
Construction contracts can be challenging to navigate at the best of times. When problems do arise, you need a skilled, experienced team behind you.

The best outcomes always come from the best people. Our dedicated procurement and contractual advisory team guides clients throughout the project process, providing technical support and considered advice in specialist areas, such as dispute avoidance and resolution, and providing expert witnesses. Our claims preparation and defence experts provide strategic advice, management, negotiation and resolution of claims through adjudication or alternative dispute resolution.

RLB can help you with:

- Comprehensive claims management
- Dispute resolution services
- Scope definition claims appraisal
- Documentation and negotiation
- Expert witness and determination
- Arbitration and mediation

SUPERINTENDENT SERVICES

RLB's skilled professionals utilise their construction knowledge, cost management expertise for progress claim and variation assessments, contract document interpretation proficiency and programming know-how to deliver a full rounded superintendent service to our clients.

The Superintendent must have the trust and respect of all contract parties. RLB are independent to the design and construction processes and the Client, and therefore, we can provide a truly independent, impartial professional service.

If RLB is also undertaking a cost management role on a project, there is efficiency in some of the service delivery.

Expertise and experience backed by a rigorous approach sees us deliver assurance to our clients. RLB understands the importance of a robust methodology to ensure all aspects of the Contract is administered in a fair and diligent manner.

Placing client and contractor needs and project drivers at the core, our Superintendent(s) works closely with stakeholders to meet time, cost, and quality requirements, whilst maintaining predictability, compliance, and rigour at every stage.

ADVISORY

We are driven to ensure our clients' assets operate at maximum efficiency for the longest time and at the lowest cost. It's a challenge, but one we relish.

Certainty of budget expenditure drives many of our clients to look for long-term strategies that span the life of their investment. Total operating costs can often equal several times the initial capital cost. Our experienced team works with owners and occupiers to help them understand the total impact of their buildings.

Among our strategic services, RLB can:

- Deliver total asset management planning to ISO standards
- Provide asset recognition and rationalisation
- Analyse costs and benefits to determine the best options
- Advise on sustainability and environmental performance issues
- Undertake whole-life cost modelling.

Asset Relifing
We help our clients to sweat their assets. RLB has pioneered life-extension and repositioning studies to optimise the use of buildings. This methodology helps our clients to identify if, when and where to spend their money to capture remaining asset values and extend the life of existing buildings.

Facilities Consultancy
As the drive to create smart, sustainable assets grows, and as technology develops at pace, the challenge is not only to maximise and measure the performance of built assets. It is also to optimise the efficiency of those assets for both building owners and occupiers over the long term. To help our clients make the most of their assets through the entire life cycle, we can:

- Deliver facilities management planning and building quality assessments
- Audit facilities and operational performance
- Forecast maintenance planning and operating expenditure
- Conduct performance reviews, benchmarking, and post-occupancy evaluations
- Undertake space audits and utilisation studies

ADVISORY

Risk Mitigation and Due Diligence
Information is power, and our clients are increasingly looking for more detail to assist with decision-making, enhance value and mitigate risks.

We help our clients plan for their next projects by conducting risk assessments to review the scope of required work, identify and analyse project risks, prioritise key issues, and develop risk management action plans.

Among RLB's key advisory services to help you mitigate risk on your next project, we can:

- Review the scope of required work to identify project risks
- Forecast capital expenditure
- Prioritise key issues
- Develop risk analysis and customised risk-management action plans
- Assess insurance replacement costs assessments
- Undertake technical due diligence (for owners, vendors, purchasers, and tenants)
- Advise on services procurement, outsourcing, compliance, and supply chain issues

Property Taxation
The best financial, compliance and management outcomes can only be achieved with the right taxation advice. And that requires the best people behind you.

RLB's experience in property taxation covers all asset types. We provide proactive reporting and analysis of taxation changes – and help you to understand how they may affect your real estate decisions, including capital gains tax, land taxes, rating assessments and stamp duty.

We provide advice on capital allowances and property tax assessment, depreciation, inventories, and asset registers, as well as changes in tax legislation, as you optimise both existing assets and new projects.

Procurement Strategies
Choosing the best procurement strategy is at the heart of any project's commercial success. But in a market of escalating costs, this is easier said than done.

With each client's principal objectives in mind – from design quality and workmanship to cost certainty and program – we provide recommendations to achieve the optimum procurement strategy.

With our vast experience and knowledge behind us, RLB works with our clients to examine the issues and evaluate project or service delivery. We can:

- Deliver needs analysis and brief definition
- Undertake feasibility studies
- Assess options for clients to develop, own and lease
- Negotiate contractual arrangements
- Monitor and certify projects
- Lead workshops to uncover value engineering options.

RLB's expertise and experience extends to property transactions, services procurement, outsourcing operations, and supply chain management. Our clients want certainty in contractual outcomes, which is why they turn to RLB.

SUSTAINABILITY & CARBON

RLB's sustainability consultancy service covers all cost aspects of the sustainability agenda including ESD assessment tools like Green Star, carbon reduction through to social value. Our services are tailored to sustainable project delivery, with expert knowledge provided at every stage of the project lifecycle.

Building for our Future
Regulation and rating systems, consumer expectations and investor demands, advancing technology and resource constraints are transforming what we build, where we build and how we build it.

The built environment sector is always focused on the future. But with the world's buildings responsible for nearly 40% of the world's carbon emissions, the future is sharply in focus.

As one of the world's oldest and largest quantity surveying firms, RLB knows that cost is just one measure of value. How we measure and manage carbon emissions, alongside other economic, environmental, health and wellbeing imperatives, is a global challenge.

RLB has established a global carbon policy that aligns our business with international targets set out in the Paris Agreement. We have committed to achieve net zero emissions by 2030 as a global business.

We have also established a suite of services to support our clients as we work together to drive down emissions and uncover new value.

Sustainability Consultancy Services
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RLB's approach is to identify key sustainability improvements and implement bespoke solutions that consider client goals and industry best practice, market drivers and potential legislative changes.

Linking Carbon & Estimating
Measuring, mitigating, and managing climate change is the responsibility of every industry. But much of the heavy lifting will fall with high-emitting sectors, including the building and construction sector. With this comes the challenge of decarbonising supply chains, investigating R&D solutions, and effectively collaborating across the sector to better forecast and reduce climate-related risks.

Embodied carbon emissions – the emissions that are locked in as soon as a building comes out of the ground – are particularly hard to abate. Upfront emissions generated during manufacture, construction, transport, and demolition will constitute an estimated 85% of the industry's footprint by 2050.

RLB is helping our clients to quantify these hidden emissions with a methodology that assesses upfront embodied carbon impacts and offers concise, accurate and informative end-to-end advice across the building lifecycle.

Our Carbon Estimating Process
RLB's carbon estimating process operates as a one-stop-shop. This end-to-end process eliminates the need for RLB to obtain solutions or advice from third-party suppliers and delivers high levels of transparency and quality to our clients from asset design to disposal.

OUR CARBON ESTIMATING PROCESS

1. Initial Design

Establish initial upfront embodied carbon impact to inform and contribute to the client's aspirations

2. Design Development

Provide carbon estimate assessments as the design develops, inclusive of strategic carbon pathways

3. Contract Documentation

Complete carbon estimate assessment and pre-construction lifecycle assessment (LCA)

4. Construction

Work with contractors and suppliers to achieve carbon neutral and Green Star Buildings targets

5. Building Operations

Undertake post-construction LCA including carbon neutral and Green Star Buildings certification

6. Asset Management

Implement and audit the Strategic Asset Management Plan (SAMP) of the building or portfolio on an ongoing basis until disposal

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INTERNATIONAL CONSTRUCTION BUILDING COST RANGES

All costs are stated in local currency as shown below. ***Refer to www.rlb.com/ccc for updates.***

LOCATION /CITY	LOCAL CURRENCY	COST PER M²																			
		OFFICE BUILDING				RETAIL				RESIDENTIAL MULTI STOREY		HOTELS				CAR PARKING				INDUSTRIAL WAREHOUSE	
		PREMIUM		GRADE A		MALL		STRIP SHOPPING				5 STAR		3 STAR		MULTI STOREY		BASEMENT			
		LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	21-24		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	21-24	
AMERICAS @ Q2 2025																					
BOSTON	USD	4,900	7,590	2,905	4,360	2,690	4,360	1,885	3,015	3,070	4,200	5,115	8,665	3,550	5,975	1,185	1,775	1,505	2,045	1,400	2,370
CHICAGO	USD	3,715	6,135	2,315	3,765	2,315	4,950	1,830	3,015	2,260	5,165	5,595	8,610	4,090	5,490	1,075	1,615	1,775	3,070	1,615	2,585
DENVER	USD	3,765	6,190	2,690	3,765	2,155	3,875	2,155	2,960	2,260	4,035	4,950	7,160	3,445	5,115	1,345	2,155	1,885	3,015	1,400	2,205
HONOLULU	USD	4,145	6,945	2,635	4,035	3,285	6,620	3,070	5,005	3,230	5,435	7,910	9,470	4,520	7,160	1,940	2,530	2,205	3,390	1,560	3,120
LAS VEGAS	USD	3,015	5,330	2,155	2,850	1,885	7,210	1,720	3,875	2,260	5,380	4,735	8,720	2,800	4,790	860	1,185	1,130	2,155	860	1,830
LOS ANGELES	USD	2,905	4,415	2,260	3,230	2,045	4,305	1,720	2,475	2,850	4,680	4,680	7,265	3,335	4,465	1,290	1,615	1,775	2,420	1,560	2,370
NEW YORK	USD	4,465	10,335	2,585	6,405	3,820	7,695	4,035	8,125	2,690	5,275	5,545	8,340	4,035	5,545	1,240	2,260	1,830	2,690	1,560	2,585
PHOENIX	USD	2,850	4,900	1,885	2,585	2,315	3,875	1,345	2,260	2,100	3,120	4,575	7,105	2,420	3,660	645	1,240	1,025	1,830	915	1,720
TORONTO	CAD	3,335	5,435	2,800	3,875	2,530	5,275	2,045	2,635	2,850	3,605	4,735	8,775	2,905	3,445	1,400	1,885	1,830	2,530	1,505	2,155
ASIA @ Q4 2025																					
BEIJING	RMB	8,800	14,250	4,800	8,000	8,600	13,750	7,600	12,250	5,900	12,500	15,000	19,500	11,000	14,250	3,600	5,200	4,500	7,600	5,000	6,400
GUANGZHOU	RMB	7,800	12,500	4,150	7,000	8,100	12,750	7,000	11,500	5,200	10,250	14,000	18,000	10,000	12,750	3,050	4,600	4,050	6,900	4,350	5,400
HO CHI MINH CITY	VND ('000)	28,725	37,975	24,475	29,000	22,700	30,250	NP	NP	17,100	27,850	42,050	50,450	30,225	38,200	9,000	14,050	18,475	26,400	7,925	11,125
HONG KONG	HKD	34,500	42,000	23,750	32,500	27,750	33,000	23,500	29,000	34,000	57,000	40,500	49,750	32,000	39,500	14,000	16,750	27,250	32,500	17,000	21,750
JAKARTA	RP ('000)	19,400	24,400	13,000	17,400	9,900	14,000	NP	NP	9,900	20,500	27,200	31,200	18,900	22,700	6,300	7,200	10,100	11,000	6,400	7,400
KUALA LUMPUR	RINGGIT	2,700	4,700	1,500	3,400	2,500	3,800	NP	NP	2,000	4,800	5,500	11,000	2,700	3,900	800	1,300	1,700	4,000	1,200	2,000
SEOUL	KRW ('000)	3,950	4,700	2,750	3,400	2,450	3,550	2,050	3,125	2,350	3,975	4,925	7,350	2,675	3,700	1,025	1,275	1,300	1,650	1,850	2,250
SHANGHAI	RMB	8,800	13,750	4,900	8,000	8,800	13,750	7,800	12,500	6,000	12,000	15,250	20,000	10,750	14,500	3,650	5,400	4,500	7,600	4,450	5,900
SINGAPORE	SGD	3,650	6,300	2,800	4,950	3,400	5,200	NP	NP	3,150	4,550	6,400	7,800	4,450	5,400	990	1,760	2,100	3,100	1,780	2,600
EUROPE @ Q3 2025																					
MIDLANDS	GBP	2,600	3,700	2,100	3,550	3,800	5,400	1,200	2,300	2,500	3,150	2,900	4,150	1,760	2,750	500	950	1,100	1,860	550	1,200
SOUTH WEST	GBP	2,650	3,650	2,100	3,650	3,700	4,950	1,140	2,100	1,760	2,800	3,000	3,950	1,740	2,300	540	1,020	1,240	1,920	540	820
EDINBURGH	GBP	1,960	2,750	1,720	2,750	3,000	4,250	960	1,800	1,800	2,550	2,300	3,150	1,440	2,150	380	720	910	1,540	410	720
LONDON	GBP	3,650	4,800	3,200	4,550	4,350	6,300	1,420	2,700	3,050	5,600	3,500	4,700	2,400	3,000	560	1,140	1,480	2,550	960	1,240
NORTH WEST	GBP	2,900	3,650	2,450	3,650	3,900	5,500	1,260	2,450	2,400	3,350	3,050	4,050	2,000	2,550	740	940	1,420	2,000	660	940
SOUTH EAST	GBP	3,400	3,950	2,900	3,650	3,800	5,700	1,420	2,750	2,750	3,850	3,400	4,400	2,400	2,950	560	1,120	1,420	2,500	910	1,120
YORKSHIRE HUMBER	GBP	2,450	4,100	2,200	3,050	3,200	4,500	1,020	1,900	2,400	3,400	2,900	3,800	2,100	2,600	400	1,180	740	1,220	900	2,000
MIDDLE EAST @ Q2 2025																					
ABU DHABI	AED	6,500	10,500	6,000	10,000	5,500	10,250	NP	NP	5,100	9,200	11,500	17,250	6,700	9,500	2,300	4,200	3,450	5,300	2,700	4,300
DUBAI	AED	7,000	11,000	6,500	10,500	5,500	11,000	NP	NP	5,400	11,000	12,000	18,000	7,000	10,000	3,100	4,500	3,950	5,600	2,950	4,400
RIYADH	SAR	8,200	18,500	6,900	12,000	6,900	9,800	19,000	22,500	3,800	16,500	14,500	16,500	8,600	10,000	3,200	4,600	4,700	5,500	4,500	6,500
OCEANIA @ Q4 2025																					
ADELAIDE	AUD	3,700	5,000	3,350	3,950	2,700	4,400	1,820	2,650	3,550	5,200	6,300	7,100	4,300	5,100	1,580	2,200	2,100	2,900	1,160	1,780
AUCKLAND	NZD	5,500	6,700	5,000	6,600	3,500	4,000	2,500	2,800	5,500	6,500	7,300	8,000	6,000	7,000	1,700	2,300	5,000	5,500	1,200	1,500
BRISBANE	AUD	5,000	7,500	4,500	6,000	3,800	5,600	2,650	3,200	4,250	9,000	6,000	7,500	4,500	6,500	1,900	4,000	2,600	4,000	1,360	1,960
CANBERRA	AUD	4,350	6,900	3,550	5,300	3,050	5,100	1,560	3,250	3,700	6,600	5,300	7,900	3,850	6,700	980	1,620	1,340	2,300	910	1,720
CHRISTCHURCH	NZD	5,500	6,900	4,700	5,900	3,600	4,000	2,100	2,700	4,700	5,600	7,000	8,400	5,800	6,300	1,600	2,100	2,800	3,200	1,300	1,700
DARWIN	AUD	4,000	5,600	3,400	4,400	2,950	5,000	2,000	2,800	3,500	4,900	7,100	7,900	4,700	5,600	1,960	2,600	2,500	3,300	1,360	2,000
GOLD COAST	AUD	5,000	7,500	4,250	6,000	3,800	5,600	2,650	3,200	3,800	8,500	6,000	7,800	4,250	6,000	1,900	4,000	2,600	4,000	1,360	1,960
MELBOURNE	AUD	4,800	6,600	3,850	5,500	3,150	4,950	2,300	2,950	4,300	7,100	6,500	8,600	4,750	6,000	1,440	1,980	2,100	2,800	1,160	1,740
PERTH	AUD	4,600	7,500	3,750	6,000	2,850	4,550	1,520	4,050	3,950	6,200	5,100	7,400	3,850	5,600	980	1,600	2,750	4,750	840	1,600
SYDNEY	AUD	5,100	7,800	3,900	5,800	2,900	6,200	2,150	3,000	4,000	7,200	6,400	8,700	4,500	6,000	1,760	2,750	1,600	2,750	1,060	1,740
WELLINGTON	NZD	5,800	6,800	4,200	5,800	4,000	4,300	NP	NP	5,800	6,600	7,500	8,800	6,600	7,700	2,450	2,900	4,000	4,300	1,420	1,880

The following data represents estimates of current building costs in the respective market. Costs may vary as a consequence of factors such as site conditions, climatic conditions, standards of specification, market conditions etc.

Rates are in national currency per square metre of Gross Floor Area except as follows:

Chinese cities, Hong Kong and Macau: Rates are per square metre of Construction Floor Area, measured to outer face of external walls.

Singapore, Ho Chi Minh City, Jakarta and Kuala Lumpur: Rates are per square metre of Construction Floor Area, measured to outer face of external walls and inclusive of covered basement and above ground parking areas.

Chinese cities, Hong Kong, Macau and Singapore: All hotel rates are inclusive of Furniture Fittings and Equipment (FF&E).

INTERNATIONAL CONSTRUCTION RLB ESCALATION FORECASTS

RLB TENDER PRICE INDEX ANNUAL CHANGE

All indices are stated as annual percentage changes, current as at 31 December 2025. ***Refer to www.rlb.com/ccc for updates.***

CALENDAR YEAR	2024	2025	2026 (F)	2027 (F)	2028 (F)	2029 (F)
AFRICA						
CAPE TOWN	0.6	4.6	5.5	5.8	2.9	2.3
DURBAN	6.2	5.3	5.2	4.9	6.0	5.8
JOHANNESBURG	0.6	7.0	3.8	5.3	6.0	5.9
AMERICAS						
BOSTON	4.8	4.0	4.3	4.2	4.0	3.8
CALGARY	5.9	5.3	5.0	4.8	4.5	4.5
CHICAGO	5.5	3.8	3.8	3.4	3.5	3.5
HONOLULU	5.4	6.0	5.0	4.0	3.0	3.0
LAS VEGAS	4.1	4.8	4.5	4.5	4.3	4.3
LOS ANGELES	3.6	4.3	4.0	4.0	3.8	3.5
NEW YORK	3.8	4.0	4.0	3.8	3.8	3.5
PHOENIX	4.2	4.8	4.5	4.0	3.8	3.5
SEATTLE	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.3	4.3	4.0
TORONTO	5.3	5.5	5.5	5.3	5.0	5.0
WASHINGTON D.C.	4.6	4.3	4.3	4.0	4.0	4.0
ASIA						
BEIJING	(1.9)	(0.9)	(1.0)	0.0	1.0	1.0
CHENGDU	0.4	(3.0)	(1.0)	0.0	1.0	1.0
GUANGZHOU	(5.1)	(3.0)	(1.0)	0.0	1.0	1.0
HONG KONG	1.9	(3.0)	(1.0)	2.0	2.0	4.0
MACAU	0.5	(2.2)	0.5	2.0	2.0	2.0
SEOUL	0.6	1.0	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.2
SHANGHAI	(0.7)	(1.6)	(1.0)	0.0	1.0	1.0
SHENZHEN	(1.8)	(3.6)	(1.0)	0.0	1.0	1.0
SINGAPORE	0.5	3.3	3.0	3.0	3.0	NP

NP: Not published

CALENDAR YEAR	2024	2025	2026 (F)	2027 (F)	2028 (F)	2029 (F)
EUROPE						
LONDON	2.8	3.3	3.5	3.8	4.0	4.0
MIDLANDS	3.0	3.0	3.5	3.5	4.0	4.0
NORTH WEST	3.5	3.5	2.5	3.0	3.0	3.0
NORTHERN IRELAND	3.5	3.0	3.0	3.3	3.3	3.3
SOUTH WEST	3.0	3.5	3.5	3.8	4.0	4.0
WALES	3.0	3.2	3.4	3.6	3.8	4.0
YORKSHIRE & HUMBER	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.5	3.5	4.0
MIDDLE EAST						
ABU DHABI	2.8	3.0	3.6	3.8	4.0	4.1
DOHA	3.2	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
DUBAI	3.0	3.2	3.8	4.0	4.3	4.3
RIYADH	5.7	5.4	4.9	5.0	5.8	5.8
OCEANIA						
ADELAIDE	5.2	3.5	5.1	5.0	4.5	4.5
AUCKLAND	0.0	2.5	3.0	4.0	4.5	4.5
BRISBANE	6.9	5.0	5.0	7.0	7.0	7.0
CANBERRA	4.0	3.8	4.3	4.5	4.0	3.8
CHRISTCHURCH	0.0	2.0	2.5	3.0	3.0	4.5
DARWIN	5.5	5.0	5.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
GOLD COAST	7.0	4.5	5.5	7.0	7.0	7.0
MELBOURNE	5.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
PERTH	5.2	5.4	5.3	5.2	4.8	4.5
SYDNEY	5.5	4.5	4.0	4.5	5.0	4.5
TOWNSVILLE	7.0	6.0	6.0	7.0	7.0	7.0
WELLINGTON	4.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.5	2.5

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AUSTRALIAN CONSTRUCTION BUILDING COST RANGES

All costs current as at Fourth Quarter 2025. ***Refer to www.rlb.com/ccc for updates.***

CITY	ADELAIDE		BRISBANE		CANBERRA		DARWIN		MELBOURNE		PERTH		SYDNEY	
COST RANGE PER GROSS FLOOR AREA	$/M²		$/M²		$/M²		$/M²		$/M²		$/M²		$/M²	
	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH
OFFICE BUILDINGS														
Prestige, CBD														
10 TO 25 STOREYS (75–80% EFFICIENCY)	3,650	4,700	5,000	6,500	4,350	6,500	4,000	5,200	4,800	5,800	4,600	6,500	5,100	6,100
25 TO 40 STOREYS (70–75% EFFICIENCY)	3,900	4,950	5,500	7,000	4,700	6,900	4,450	5,600	5,800	6,300	5,000	7,200	6,000	7,200
40 TO 55 STOREYS (68–73% EFFICIENCY)	-	-	6,000	7,500	-	-	-	-	5,900	6,600	5,300	7,500	6,600	7,800
Investment, CBD														
UP TO 10 STOREYS (81–85% EFFICIENCY)	3,350	3,650	4,500	5,500	3,550	4,950	3,400	4,300	3,850	4,450	3,750	4,200	3,900	4,550
10 TO 25 STOREYS (76–81% EFFICIENCY)	3,450	3,800	4,500	6,000	3,650	5,200	3,700	4,400	4,650	5,200	3,850	5,600	4,500	5,200
25 TO 40 STOREYS (71–76% EFFICIENCY)	3,550	3,900	5,000	6,000	3,700	5,300	3,950	4,600	4,700	5,500	4,000	6,000	4,600	5,800
Investment, other than CBD					-	-	-	-						
WALK UP (83–87% EFFICIENCY)	3,150	3,550	4,000	4,500	1,880	3,200	3,600	4,000	3,250	3,900	2,850	4,200	3,150	3,800
UP TO 10 STOREYS (82–86% EFFICIENCY)	3,300	3,650	4,000	5,000	2,700	3,700	3,550	4,150	3,550	4,500	3,050	4,550	3,350	4,350
10 TO 25 STOREYS (77–82% EFFICIENCY)	-	-	4,500	5,500	2,850	4,350	3,400	4,650	3,900	4,950	3,450	4,900	3,900	5,000
HOTELS														
Multi-Storey (ex FF&E)														
FIVE STAR	6,300	7,000	6,000	7,500	5,300	7,900	7,100	7,900	6,500	8,600	5,100	7,400	6,400	8,700
FOUR STAR	4,700	5,400	5,500	7,500	4,600	7,500	5,600	6,500	5,900	7,500	4,450	6,200	5,300	7,800
THREE STAR	4,250	5,000	4,500	6,500	3,850	6,700	4,700	5,600	4,750	6,000	3,850	5,600	4,500	6,000
CAR PARK														
OPEN DECK MULTI-STOREY	1,900	2,400	1,900	4,000	980	1,620	1,960	2,600	1,440	1,980	980	1,600	1,760	2,750
BASEMENT: CBD	2,400	3,150	2,600	4,000	1,340	2,300	2,500	3,300	2,100	2,800	2,750	4,750	1,600	2,750
BASEMENT: OTHER THAN CBD	2,300	2,800	2,300	3,400	1,320	2,300	2,400	3,000	2,050	2,500	1,980	4,300	1,580	2,450
UNDERCROFT: OTHER THAN CBD	1,400	1,800	1,480	2,100	980	1,500	1,460	1,800	1,240	1,500	980	1,720	-	-
INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS														
6.00 M to underside of truss and 4,500 M² Gross Floor Area with:														
ZINCALUME METAL CLADDING	1,140	1,560	1,360	1,800	910	1,140	1,360	1,800	1,160	1,600	840	1,240	1,060	1,340
PRECAST CONCRETE CLADDING	1,360	1,760	1,460	1,960	1,060	1,720	1,560	2,000	1,280	1,740	840	1,600	1,160	1,740
Attached Airconditioned Offices														
200 M²	2,200	2,750	3,100	3,500	2,200	3,450	2,650	3,150	2,850	3,550	1,980	3,000	3,250	3,900
400 M²	2,200	2,750	2,800	3,400	2,050	3,350	2,650	3,150	2,800	3,450	1,980	3,000	3,500	4,100

CITY	ADELAIDE		BRISBANE		CANBERRA		DARWIN		MELBOURNE		PERTH		SYDNEY	
COST RANGE PER GROSS FLOOR AREA	$/M²		$/M²		$/M²		$/M²		$/M²		$/M²		$/M²	
	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH
AGED CARE														
SINGLE STOREY FACILITY	3,950	4,500	4,500	5,500	2,650	4,350	4,300	6,200	3,600	5,200	3,950	4,750	3,900	5,100
PRIVATE HOSPITALS														
Low Rise Hospital														
45–60 M² GFA/BED	8,500	10,500	8,600	11,000	5,400	9,000	6,800	9,300	4,350	5,600	5,100	6,800	4,050	5,300
55–80 M² GFA/BED WITH MAJOR OPERATING THEATRE	9,500	11,500	9,800	11,500	6,100	9,900	7,800	10,500	4,950	7,700	5,700	7,500	5,100	7,200
CINEMAS														
GROUP COMPLEX, 2,000–4,000 SEATS (WARM SHELL)	3,150	5,200	5,700	6,800	3,800	5,200	3,600	5,600	4,300	5,700	3,300	4,200	4,600	6,900
REGIONAL SHOPPING CENTRES														
DEPARTMENT STORE	2,650	3,700	2,600	3,700	3,150	3,950	3,000	4,150	3,000	3,550	2,850	4,200	2,150	3,300
SUPERMARKET/VARIETY STORE	2,300	2,700	2,750	4,200	1,840	3,150	2,500	3,300	2,100	3,300	1,880	2,850	2,100	4,200
DISCOUNT DEPARTMENT STORE	1,700	2,250	2,600	3,400	1,660	2,450	1,960	2,700	1,880	2,450	1,880	2,750	1,820	2,400
MALLS	2,650	4,350	3,800	5,600	3,050	5,100	2,950	5,000	3,150	4,950	2,850	4,550	2,900	6,200
SPECIALTY SHOPS	1,480	2,350	2,650	3,150	1,540	2,600	1,680	2,600	2,300	3,200	1,520	2,350	2,450	3,900
SMALL SHOPS AND SHOWROOMS														
SMALL SHOPS & SHOWROOMS	1,820	2,600	2,650	3,200	1,560	3,250	2,000	2,800	2,300	2,950	1,520	4,050	2,150	3,000
RESIDENTIAL														
SINGLE & DOUBLE STOREY DWELLINGS (CUSTOM BUILT)	2,200	4,000	3,150	5,800	2,150	4,200	2,450	4,500	2,700	6,900	3,100	5,100	2,500	7,600
RESIDENTIAL UNITS														
WALK-UP 85 TO 120 M²/UNIT	2,500	3,500	3,150	5,800	2,250	5,400	2,750	3,900	2,800	5,200	3,250	5,300	-	-
TOWNHOUSES 90 TO 120 M²/UNIT	2,250	3,100	2,600	5,100	2,250	5,300	2,500	3,600	2,800	4,850	2,950	5,300	-	-
MULTI-STOREY UNITS														
Up to 10 storeys with lift														
UNITS 60–70 M²	3,700	4,550	4,250	5,000	3,750	5,600	3,500	4,500	4,300	5,200	4,100	5,500	4,200	5,700
UNITS 90–120 M²	3,600	4,400	4,250	5,000	3,700	5,400	3,400	4,300	4,000	5,100	3,950	5,300	4,000	5,800
Over 10 and up to 20 storeys														
UNITS 60–70 M²	4,150	5,200	5,000	6,000	4,000	6,100	3,600	4,700	4,300	5,700	4,350	5,800	4,700	6,200
UNITS 90–120 M²	4,050	5,000	5,000	6,000	3,950	6,100	3,500	4,500	4,300	5,800	4,200	5,600	4,500	6,300
Over 20 and up to 40 storeys														
UNITS 60–70 M²	4,300	5,300	5,500	7,000	4,700	6,600	3,900	4,900	5,200	6,100	4,500	6,000	5,200	6,700
UNITS 90–120 M²	4,200	5,100	5,500	7,000	4,500	6,300	3,750	4,600	5,200	6,300	4,350	5,900	5,000	6,800
Over 40 and up to 80 storeys														
UNITS 60–70 M²	-	-	7,000	9,000	-	-	-	-	6,200	7,000	4,900	6,200	5,700	7,200
UNITS 90–120 M²	-	-	7,000	9,000	-	-	-	-	6,200	7,100	4,800	6,000	5,500	7,800

CONSTRUCTION RATES

The following range of current building costs could be expected should tenders be called in the respective city. Items specifically included are those normally contained in a Building Contract.

Specific exclusions:

- Goods & Services Tax (GST)
- Land
- Legal and professional fees
- Loose furniture and fittings
- Site works and drainage
- Subdivisional partitions in office buildings
- Telstra and private telephone systems (PABX)
- Tenancy works

NOTES

i Car Parking costs have been excluded to arrive at the various building rates.

ii Refer to Page 19 for definitions.

ii The percentages shown against each building may be used to calculate the rate per Net Lettable Area.

Example: the NLA rate for a Premium Office CBD 10 to 25 Storeys would be calculated NLA rate = $/M² ÷ efficiency percentage.

AUSTRALIAN CONSTRUCTION BUILDING SERVICES COST RANGES

All costs current as at Fourth Quarter 2025. ***Refer to www.rlb.com/ccc for updates.***

CITY	ADELAIDE		BRISBANE		CANBERRA		DARWIN		MELBOURNE		PERTH		SYDNEY	
COST RANGE PER GROSS FLOOR AREA	$/M²		$/M²		$/M²		$/M²		$/M²		$/M²		$/M²	
	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH
OFFICE BUILDINGS														
Prestige, CBD														
10 TO 25 STOREYS (75-80% EFFICIENCY)	1,100	1,490	1,583	2,089	1,056	1,532	1,390	1,825	1,053	1,796	1,310	1,950	1,389	1,887
25 TO 40 STOREYS (70-75% EFFICIENCY)	1,202	1,617	1,862	2,098	1,120	1,661	1,492	1,910	1,245	1,908	1,365	2,020	1,635	1,889
40 TO 55 STOREYS (68-73% EFFICIENCY)	-	-	2,078	2,297	-	-	-	-	1,317	2,042	1,385	2,125	1,820	2,084
Investment, CBD														
UP TO 10 STOREYS (81-85% EFFICIENCY)	961	1,214	1,088	1,513	876	1,403	1,092	1,583	822	1,542	990	1,645	950	1,360
10 TO 25 STOREYS (76-81% EFFICIENCY)	1,026	1,381	1,279	1,644	927	1,403	1,178	1,731	910	1,639	1,030	1,735	1,122	1,482
25 TO 40 STOREYS (71-76% EFFICIENCY)	1,094	1,468	1,417	1,803	927	1,468	-	-	1,005	1,721	1,095	1,795	1,242	1,631
INVESTMENT, OTHER THAN CBD														
1 TO 3 STOREYS (81-85% EFFICIENCY)	623	879	772	1,074	554	760	1,008	1,297	570	1,013	600	885	653	945
UP TO 10 STOREYS (82-86% EFFICIENCY)	793	1,141	1,073	1,459	734	1,056	1,057	1,535	713	1,241	805	1,205	937	1,307
10 TO 25 STOREYS (77-82% EFFICIENCY)	-	-	1,290	1,667	811	1,197	1,163	1,589	788	1,408	925	1,335	1,132	1,506
HOTELS														
Multi-Storey														
FIVE STAR	1,241	1,777	1,897	2,391	1,505	2,047	1,733	2,238	2,274	3,152	1,740	2,425	1,628	2,121
FOUR STAR	1,107	1,546	1,676	2,227	1,373	1,835	1,524	1,844	1,643	2,690	1,460	2,130	1,442	1,970
THREE STAR	1,079	1,347	1,445	1,867	1,083	1,571	1,344	1,660	1,242	2,057	1,180	1,850	1,234	1,647
CAR PARK							-	-						
OPEN DECK MULTI-STOREY	180	351	110	253	204	332	242	462	126	408	200	470	91	229
BASEMENT: CBD	294	487	380	508	281	562	385	568	222	528	290	620	341	459
BASEMENT: OTHER THAN CBD	264	460	240	451	204	549	347	563	208	483	265	605	211	397
UNDERCROFT: OTHER THAN CBD	108	165	83	113	77	140	152	351	41	90	200	475	71	103
INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS														
6.00 M to underside of truss and 4,500 M² Gross Floor Area with:														
ZINCALUME METAL CLADDING	198	350	207	653	270	476	271	645	238	463	235	505	175	313
PRECAST CONCRETE CLADDING	197	349	207	357	270	463	262	632	238	463	250	530	175	316
Attached Airconditioned Offices														
200 SQ.M.	531	762	829	1,386	617	823	792	1,110	611	932	570	920	736	1,307
400 SQ.M.	525	700	829	1,408	617	746	792	1,110	611	1,237	570	870	736	1,326

Building Services Costs include:
- Building Management
- Electrical
- Fire Protection
- Hydraulic
- Mechanical
- Special Equipment
- Vertical Transport

Refer to page 31 for detailed services costs.

CITY	ADELAIDE		BRISBANE		CANBERRA		DARWIN		MELBOURNE		PERTH		SYDNEY	
COST RANGE PER GROSS FLOOR AREA	$/M²		$/M²		$/M²		$/M²		$/M²		$/M²		$/M²	
	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH
AGED CARE														
SINGLE STOREY FACILITY	1,294	1,822	654	1,199	458	855	1,317	1,893	594	1,527	945	1,615	606	1,126
PRIVATE HOSPITALS														
Low Rise Hospital														
45-60 M² GFA/BED	1,587	2,008	1,644	2,124	1,197	1,579	1,844	2,135	1,295	2,165	1,590	2,185	1,567	2,039
55-80 M² GFA/BED WITH MAJOR OPERATING THEATRE	1,864	2,604	2,197	3,009	1,566	2,552	2,097	2,805	1,557	2,951	1,780	2,475	2,109	2,925
CINEMAS														
GROUP COMPLEX, 2,000-4,000 SEATS. (WARM SHELL)	938	1,243	1,535	2,207	870	1,046	1,214	1,531	815	1,311	960	1,320	1,518	2,185
REGIONAL SHOPPING CENTRES														
DEPARTMENT STORE	574	891	796	1,082	817	938	769	1,051	693	1,173	880	1,270	767	1,052
SUPERMARKET/VARIETY STORE	493	833	801	1,092	512	768	793	1,102	550	1,118	760	1,140	770	1,058
DISCOUNT DEPARTMENT STORE	435	679	751	1,068	512	695	721	1,006	482	969	780	1,020	727	947
MALLS	599	898	855	1,338	634	938	736	1,122	638	1,304	-	-	825	1,306
SPECIALTY SHOPS	416	657	824	1,212	451	707	661	951	441	976	505	885	794	1,176
SMALL SHOPS AND SHOWROOMS														
SMALL SHOPS AND SHOWROOMS	468	731	559	891	269	733	500	911	286	934	385	840	537	858
RESIDENTIAL														
SINGLE & DOUBLE STOREY DWELLINGS (CUSTOM BUILT)	393	741	317	1,123	259	577	403	777	272	909	335	1,140	286	1,081
RESIDENTIAL UNITS														
WALK-UP 85 TO 120 M²/UNIT	388	740	348	1,071	258	725	479	688	272	820	345	680	324	998
TOWNHOUSES 90 TO 120 M²/UNIT	388	751	297	1,013	135	725	479	688	272	790	345	680	281	942
MULTI-STOREY UNITS														
Up to 10 storeys with lift														
UNITS 60-70 M²	553	863	972	1,372	602	979	784	1,019	672	1,254	695	1,270	922	1,313
UNITS 90-120 M²	544	822	919	1,335	602	916	742	969	666	1,210	585	1,230	872	1,281
Over 10 and up to 20 storeys														
UNITS 60-70 M²	578	962	1,106	1,478	652	979	776	1,013	720	1,290	790	1,275	1,055	1,416
UNITS 90-120 M²	559	918	1,055	1,356	652	1,079	762	993	720	1,245	780	1,225	1,006	1,303
Over 20 and up to 40 storeys														
UNITS 60-70 M²	613	1,007	1,205	1,683	779	1,106	853	1,048	842	1,414	930	1,300	1,132	1,626
UNITS 90-120 M²	589	973	1,185	1,591	729	1,106	834	1,024	815	1,283	885	1,380	1,113	1,529
Over 40 and up to 80 storeys														
UNITS 60-70 M²	-	-	1,557	1,975	-	-	-	-	1,066	1,739	1,215	1,675	1,484	1,932
UNITS 90-120 M²	-	-	1,516	1,959	-	-	-	-	991	1,665	1,100	1,530	1,447	1,919

AUSTRALIAN CONSTRUCTION RLB TENDER PRICE INDEX

The following indices reflect the change in tender levels for buildings, other than housing, as compared with the consumer price index. The Tender Price Index figures take into account labour and material cost changes and market conditions.

DATE	ADELAIDE		BRISBANE		CANBERRA		DARWIN		MELBOURNE		PERTH		SYDNEY	
	TPI	CPI	TPI	CPI	TPI	CPI	TPI	CPI	TPI	CPI	TPI	CPI	TPI	CPI
DECEMBER 1985	55.6	40.4	67.1	40.0	53.9	41.4		43.1	58.5	41.0	65.8	40.3	60.6	40.2
DECEMBER 1986	59.7	44.1	69.8	43.6	59.3	45.0		47.2	63.4	45.2	72.6	44.4	67.2	44.1
DECEMBER 1987	65.0	47.1	74.5	46.6	63.3	48.0		50.4	69.3	48.4	76.5	47.5	74.1	47.2
DECEMBER 1988	70.1	50.3	80.8	49.9	68.5	51.3		52.8	74.9	51.7	81.7	51.1	80.6	51.6
DECEMBER 1989	75.4	54.0	74.7	53.7	70.9	55.1		56.2	81.9	56.0	89.5	55.1	86.8	55.4
DECEMBER 1990	79.6	58.2	68.1	57.0	73.7	58.8		60.2	82.6	60.2	92.1	59.2	84.1	58.9
DECEMBER 1991	79.7	59.3	65.8	58.0	65.8	59.9		61.2	76.7	61.2	91.2	59.1	75.1	59.8
DECEMBER 1992	78.7	60.3	68.1	58.5	62.6	60.5		61.7	74.8	61.1	91.2	59.1	71.4	60.0
DECEMBER 1993	81.2	61.4	71.0	59.6	76.0	61.8		63.2	77.0	62.6	91.2	60.5	72.5	60.8
DECEMBER 1994	83.5	63.2	76.9	61.5	78.1	63.2		64.3	78.3	63.9	92.1	61.8	75.4	62.4
DECEMBER 1995	84.7	66.0	80.8	64.2	82.6	66.6		67.4	79.8	66.9	93.0	64.8	79.1	66.1
DECEMBER 1996	86.1	66.8	84.4	65.3	84.1	67.4		68.8	82.0	67.7	95.0	66.0	83.8	67.2
DECEMBER 1997	86.8	66.0	88.5	65.7	83.9	66.5		68.3	84.1	67.7	97.2	65.5	89.7	67.1
DECEMBER 1998	87.1	67.3	93.4	66.5	85.5	67.5		69.3	86.8	68.3	99.3	67.0	96.1	68.4
DECEMBER 1999	87.0	68.5	96.5	67.1	87.1	68.6	88.0	69.9	89.4	69.7	101.9	68.3	100.0	69.7
DECEMBER 2000	88.2	72.2	96.7	71.2	92.5	72.8	89.8	73.9	93.8	73.9	102.6	71.8	99.9	73.8
DECEMBER 2001	90.1	74.4	98.4	73.5	93.1	74.9	91.8	75.5	96.7	76.1	100.6	73.9	100.9	76.3
DECEMBER 2002	94.6	77.1	108.0	75.7	97.5	77.3	93.7	77.0	104.6	78.5	103.8	76.0	103.9	78.4
DECEMBER 2003	102.9	79.6	117.4	78.0	103.0	79.3	101.1	78.3	110.1	80.3	112.1	77.5	110.1	80.2
DECEMBER 2004	112.4	81.7	131.9	80.0	110.4	81.2	113.2	79.8	114.7	82.1	124.5	79.8	117.8	82.3
DECEMBER 2005	119.4	83.9	146.8	82.3	117.8	83.7	121.8	82.2	118.4	84.3	135.0	83.0	123.1	84.3
DECEMBER 2006	126.2	86.5	159.7	85.1	125.0	86.4	132.7	86.3	122.2	86.7	147.2	86.6	128.7	87.0
DECEMBER 2007	134.0	88.9	169.8	88.4	130.8	89.2	144.7	88.8	128.0	89.5	163.4	89.3	133.2	89.1
DECEMBER 2008	142.5	92.2	157.0	92.2	134.9	92.6	159.1	92.1	129.6	92.3	159.9	92.6	139.2	92.4
DECEMBER 2009	138.6	94.1	147.9	94.5	136.5	94.7	164.7	94.9	131.8	94.0	150.0	94.5	139.2	94.4
DECEMBER 2010	142.5	96.5	146.9	97.4	141.0	96.7	168.0	97.1	137.4	96.9	147.6	97.0	140.6	96.7
DECEMBER 2011	137.9	100.0	147.3	99.7	143.0	100.1	148.8	99.5	141.4	99.9	149.5	99.8	143.7	99.8
DECEMBER 2012	138.1	102.1	147.3	101.9	142.1	101.8	151.8	102.0	141.4	102.0	146.1	101.9	145.4	102.3
DECEMBER 2013	139.3	104.4	144.5	104.6	145.3	104.1	156.4	106.5	141.8	104.8	147.7	104.9	148.3	105.0
DECEMBER 2014	140.1	106.2	151.9	106.7	147.5	105.3	159.1	108.5	143.9	106.3	148.9	107.0	152.8	106.8
DECEMBER 2015	141.2	107.3	160.9	108.5	150.5	106.0	160.7	109.0	146.8	108.3	150.0	108.6	159.7	108.9
DECEMBER 2016	143.7	108.7	172.4	110.2	154.3	107.9	162.3	108.6	149.7	109.9	150.0	109.0	167.3	110.9
DECEMBER 2017	148.1	111.2	177.6	112.3	158.6	110.3	163.6	109.7	154.2	112.3	150.0	109.9	174.4	113.3
DECEMBER 2018	153.3	113.0	179.4	114.0	164.1	113.1	164.4	111.0	160.4	114.6	151.5	111.3	183.0	115.2
DECEMBER 2019	159.2	115.4	182.1	116.3	169.9	115.0	165.2	111.5	165.2	116.9	153.7	113.1	190.5	117.1
DECEMBER 2020	159.5	116.5	174.6	117.5	175.0	116.3	166.6	111.5	166.9	118.4	156.0	113.0	190.5	118.0
DECEMBER 2021	170.8	120.4	191.3	122.6	181.5	120.9	168.6	118.2	177.8	121.4	177.1	119.4	198.3	121.6
DECEMBER 2022	192.1	130.8	211.4	132.1	190.6	129.5	182.0	126.6	192.1	131.1	193.8	129.3	212.0	130.9
DECEMBER 2023	201.9	137.1	228.4	137.7	199.2	134.3	192.0	131.5	207.4	136.1	205.0	134.0	224.7	136.4
MARCH 2024	205.2	138.1	232.4	139.2	201.2	135.6	194.6	132.4	210.0	137.5	207.6	134.8	227.7	137.7
JUNE 2024	208.8	139.9	236.4	140.6	203.1	136.8	197.2	133.6	212.5	138.4	210.3	137.6	230.8	139.1
SEPTEMBER 2024	212.0	140.6	240.6	139.4	205.1	137.2	199.9	133.8	215.2	139.3	212.9	137.0	233.9	139.8
DECEMBER 2024	212.4	140.5	244.1	140.2	207.2	137.3	202.6	133.7	217.8	139.5	215.7	137.9	237.0	139.7
MARCH 2025	214.5	141.2	247.1	142.9	209.1	138.6	205.0	134.6	219.9	140.7	218.5	138.6	239.7	140.9
JUNE 2025	214.5	142.4	250.1	144.1	211.0	139.0	207.6	135.7	222.1	141.2	221.4	141.3	242.3	141.8
SEPTEMBER 2025	217.7	144.0	253.2	146.0	213.0	141.1	210.1	137.2	224.3	142.9	224.3	143.1	245.0	143.9
DECEMBER 2025	219.9		256.3		214.9		212.7		226.5		227.3		247.7	

AUSTRALIAN CONSTRUCTION DEFINITIONS

CBD
Central Business District.

BUILDING WORKS
Building works include substructure, structure, finishings, fittings, preliminary items, attendance and builder's work in connection with services.

BUILDING SERVICES
Building services include special equipment, hydraulics, fire protection, mechanical, vertical transport, building management and electrical services.

OFFICE BUILDINGS
Premium offices are based on landmark office buildings located in major CBD Office Markets, which are pacesetters in establishing rents.

Grade A offices are based on high quality buildings which are built for the middle range of the rental market.

(used as generic descriptions for Building Cost Ranges on page 16).

HOTELS

RATING	GFA PER ROOM		
	TOTAL	ACCOMMODATION	PUBLIC SPACE
FIVE STAR	85–120 M²	45–65 M²	40–55 M²
FOUR STAR	60–85 M²	35–45 M²	25–40 M²
THREE STAR	40–65 M²	30–40 M²	10–25 M²

Note: Public space includes service areas.

CAR PARKS
Open Deck Multi-storey — minimal external walling.

Basement — CBD locations incur higher penalties for restricted sites and perimeter conditions.

INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS
Quality reflects a simplified type of construction suitable for light industry.

Exclusions: hardstandings, roadworks and special equipment.

AGED CARE
Single storey domestic construction with no operating theatre capacity, minimal specialist and service areas. 35–45 M2 GFA/bed (150 beds).

HOSPITAL
Low rise hospital (45–60 M2 GFA/Bed) - Minimal operating theatre capacity, specialist and service areas.

Low rise hospital (55–80 M2 GFA/Bed) - Major operating theatre capacity including extensive specialist and service areas.

Exclusions: Loose furniture, special medical equipment.

CINEMAS
Multiplex Group Complex (warm shell). 2,000–4,000 seats.

Exclusions: Projection equipment, seating.

SHOPPING CENTRES

Department Store
Partially finished suspended ceilings and painted walls.

Exclusions: Floor finishes, shop fittings, etc.

Supermarket/Variety Store
Fully finished and serviced space.

Exclusions: Cool rooms, shop fittings, refrigeration equipment, etc.

Malls
Fully finished and serviced space.

Specialty Shops
Partially finished with ceilings, unpainted walls and power to perimeter point.

Exclusions: Floor finishes and shop fittings.

SMALL SHOPS AND SHOWROOMS
Exclusions: Floor finishes, plumbing (other than hot and cold water to sink fittings in each shop) and shop fittings.

RESIDENTIAL

Single Storey or 1-3 Storey
Units reflect medium quality accommodation.

Multi-Storey
Units reflect medium to luxury quality and air conditioned accommodation up to 80 storeys in height.

Note: the ratio of kitchen, laundry and bathroom areas to living areas considerably affects the cost range. Range given is significantly affected by the height and configuration of the building.

Exclusions: Loose furniture, special fittings, washing machines, dryers and refrigerators.

Rider Levett Bucknall
Award for Best Public Art Project

This award recognises excellence in integrating public art into developments, transforming spaces into vibrant, engaging environments that enrich our cities and communities.

Eligibility for the award requires that the Public Art Project be commissioned by the Property Developer or Owner and completed by 31 December 2024. The project must have been open and accessible to the public for at least one year by 31 December 2025. Only members of the Property Council of Australia may enter, with the nominator or owner required to be a member.

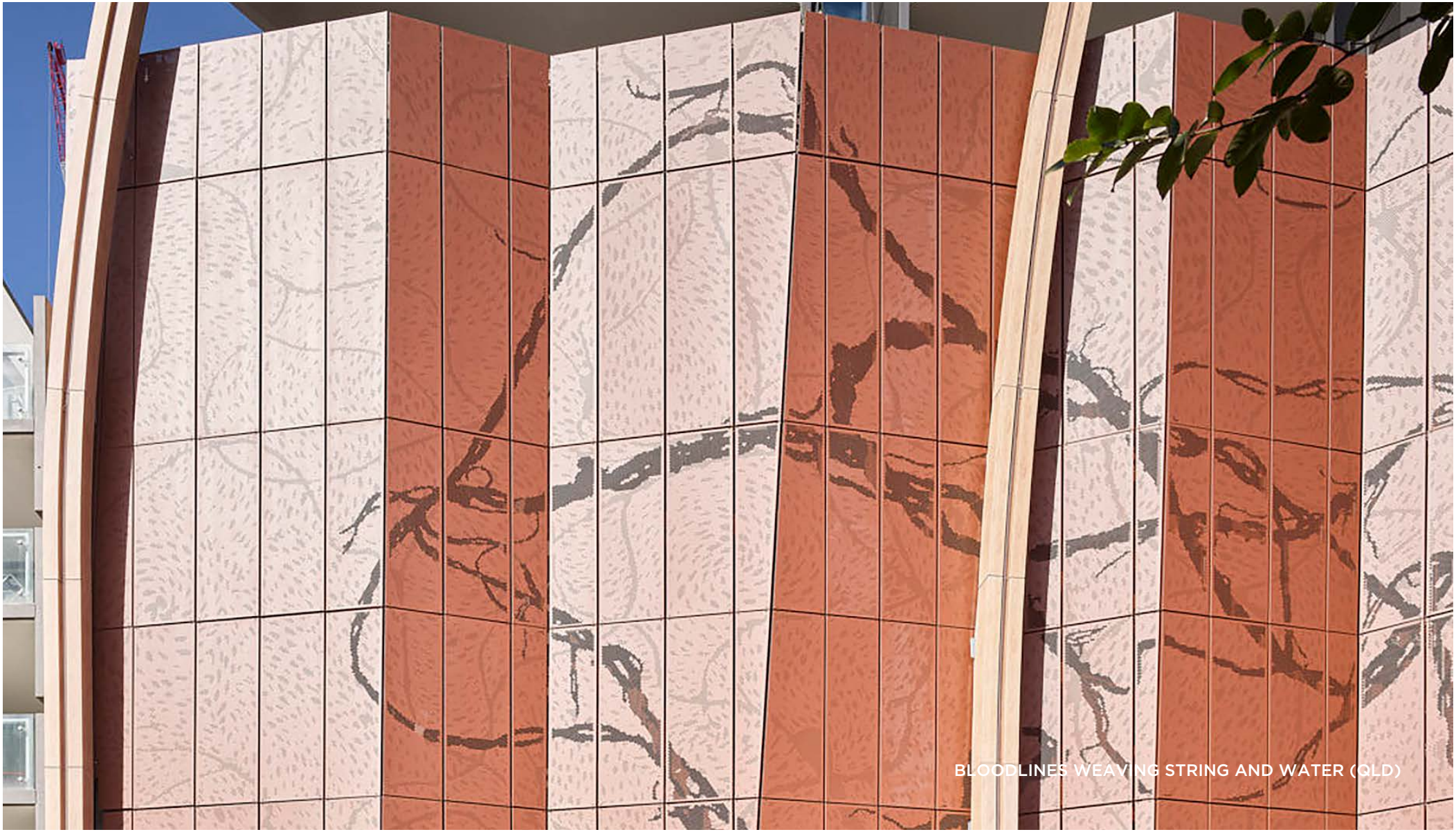
2025 WINNER

BLOODLINES WEAVING STRING AND WATER (QLD)

COMMISSIONED BY ARIA PROPERTY GROUP

Judy Watson's artwork, commissioned for Upper House Brisbane, reflects Indigenous heritage through corten steel forms inspired by bush string. The illuminated piece symbolises resilience and cultural memory in the city's fabric.

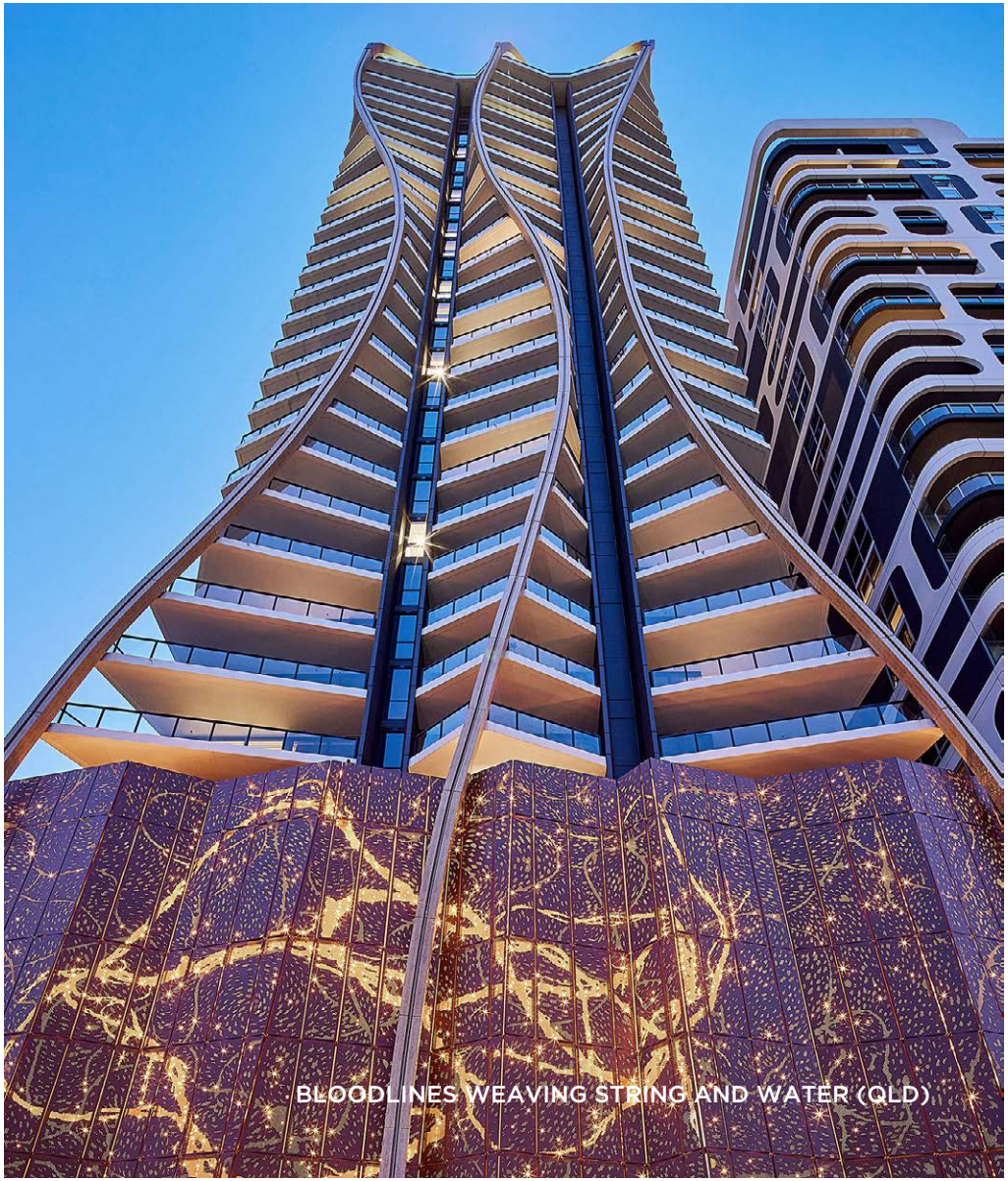
2025 WINNER



BLOODLINES WEAVING STRING AND WATER (QLD)

2025 WINNER

> The value of artwork is not dollar-driven – it is social and community-focused. Good artwork helps create places that become destinations and engage communities.



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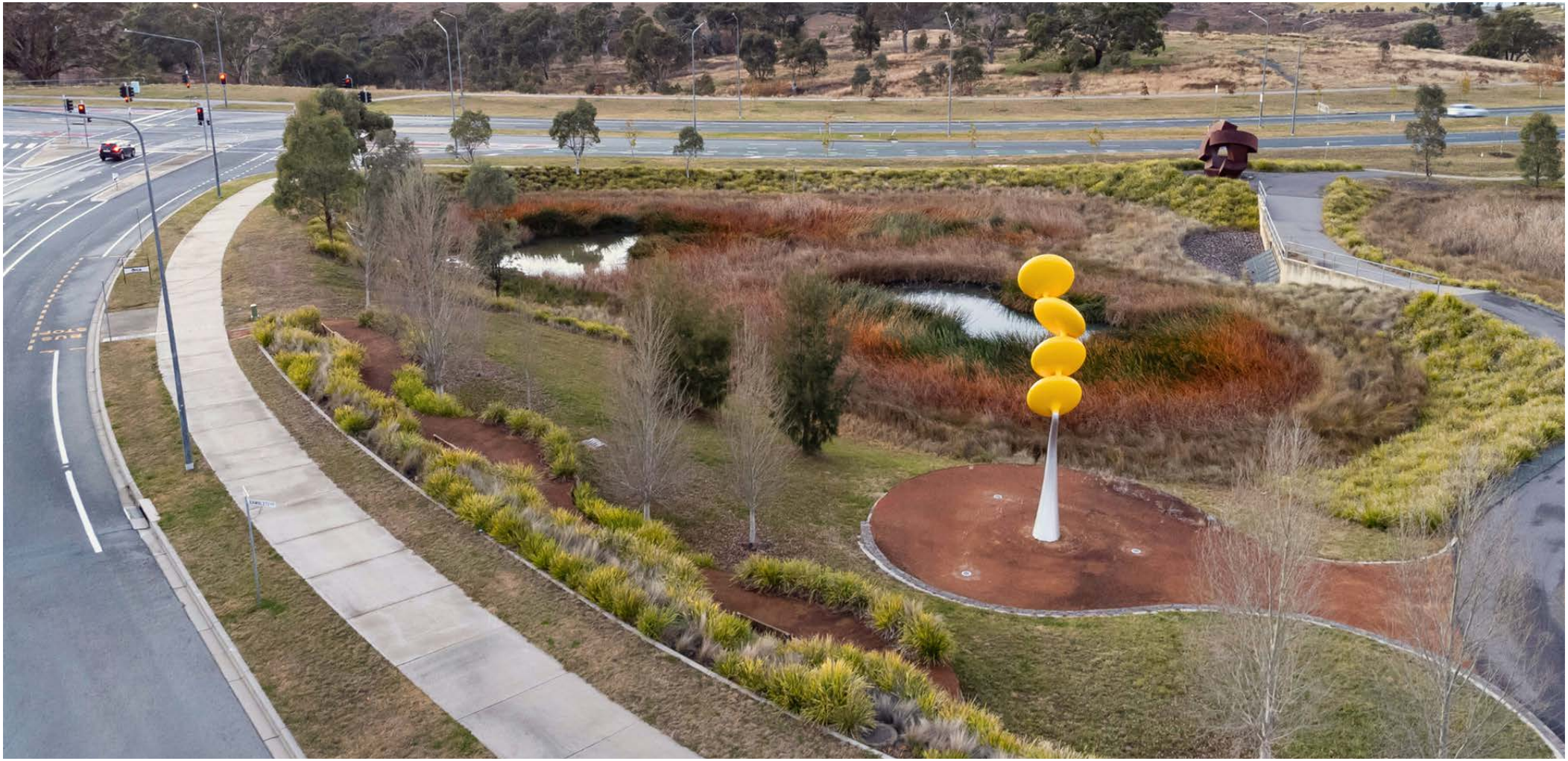
2025 FINALISTS



DENMAN PROSPECT SCULPTURE TRAIL (ACT)

COMMISSIONED BY CAPITAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENTS

This public art trail features 11 sculptures across a masterplanned community. Developed by Capital Estate Developments, the initiative transforms walkways and open spaces into a curated cultural experience.

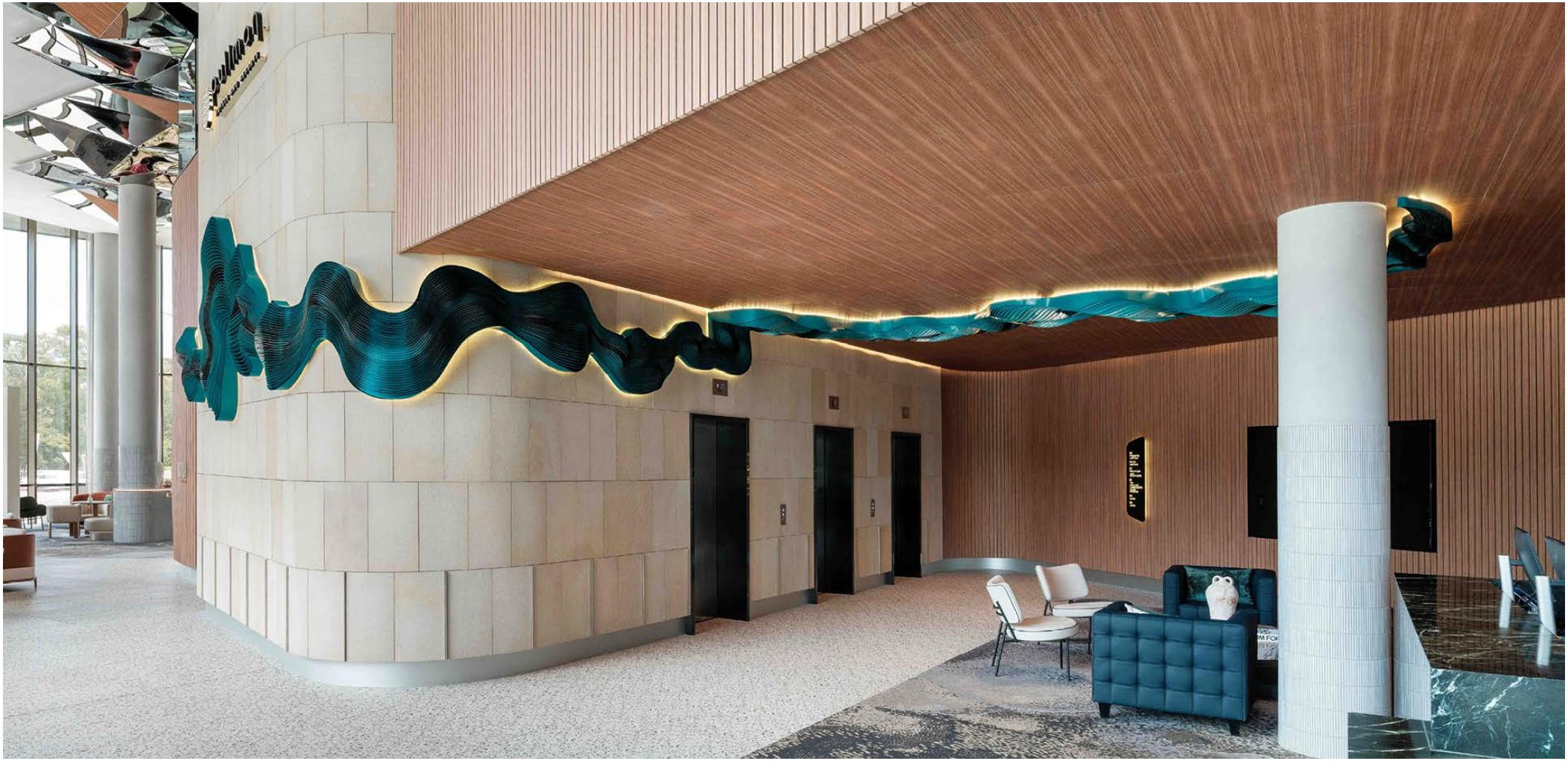
2025 FINALISTS

FLOW, FOLD (NSW)

COMMISSIONED BY EQUINIX NOMINATED BY ERILYAN PTY LTD

Georgia Hill's largest work to date, Flow, Fold, integrates graphic abstraction across the Equinix Data Centre in Alexandria. Selected through a staff-led competition, it bridges the area's industrial past with its data-driven future.

2025 FINALISTS



NEPEAN LOOKING GLASS (NSW)

COMMISSIONED BY PANTHERS NOMINATED BY TURNER

Located in the Pullman Sydney Penrith, this reflective steel installation draws inspiration from the Nepean River. It transforms the hotel arrival into an immersive, place-connected experience.

2025 FINALISTS

PARRAMATTA SQUARE (NSW)

COMMISSIONED BY WALKER CORPORATION

This curated art collection, developed by Walker Corporation, features bold Indigenous and Australian artworks inspired by the theme ‘Dare to Dream’. It strengthens the precinct’s cultural identity and enhances the public realm.

2025 FINALISTS

SYDNEY METRO NORTHWEST PLACES PUBLIC ART PROGRAM (NSW)

COMMISSIONED BY LANDCOM AND SYDNEY METRO

This expansive art initiative delivers landmark works across new metro precincts, supporting cultural expression and placemaking for Sydney's northwest.

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QUEENSLAND CONSTRUCTION BUILDING SERVICES COSTS

All costs current for Brisbane at Fourth Quarter 2025.

COST RANGE PER GROSS FLOOR AREA	SPECIAL EQUIPMENT		HYDRAULIC		FIRE		MECH.		VERTICAL TRANSPORT		BUILDING MGT.		ELECTRICAL		TOTAL	
	$/M²		$/M²		$/M²		$/M²		$/M²		$/M²		$/M²		$/M²	
	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH
OFFICE BUILDINGS																
Prestige, CBD																
10 TO 25 STOREYS (75–80% EFFICIENCY)	55	76	164	223	107	148	584	686	264	355	57	138	352	463	1,583	2,089
25 TO 40 STOREYS (70–75% EFFICIENCY)	63	76	194	227	119	148	600	706	363	296	83	138	440	507	1,862	2,098
40 TO 55 STOREYS (68–73% EFFICIENCY)	68	76	217	242	125	148	677	722	395	448	113	138	483	523	2,078	2,297
Investment, CBD																
UP TO 10 STOREYS (81–85% EFFICIENCY)	-	-	133	162	21	133	458	575	199	243	23	52	254	348	1,088	1,513
10 TO 25 STOREYS (76–81% EFFICIENCY)	27	61	133	182	92	139	491	594	233	258	41	70	262	340	1,279	1,644
25 TO 40 STOREYS (71–76% EFFICIENCY)	27	61	153	203	107	139	508	594	279	340	33	80	310	386	1,417	1,803
Investment, other than CBD																
1 TO 3 STOREYS (81–85% EFFICIENCY)	-	18	125	164	21	56	402	458	-	72	21	52	203	254	772	1,074
UP TO 10 STOREYS (82–86% EFFICIENCY)	19	27	147	164	92	125	420	524	149	227	21	52	225	340	1,073	1,459
10 TO 25 STOREYS (77–82% EFFICIENCY)	27	68	150	181	107	125	475	579	234	294	33	59	264	361	1,290	1,667
HOTELS																
Multi-Storey																
FIVE STAR	53	85	393	483	107	149	640	711	248	342	58	118	398	503	1,897	2,391
FOUR STAR	41	76	376	470	107	149	514	672	248	296	58	101	332	463	1,676	2,227
THREE STAR	27	51	334	411	20	117	492	602	197	234	43	52	332	400	1,445	1,867
CAR PARK																
OPEN DECK MULTI-STOREY	-	-	34	42	20	36	-	31	-	40	-	21	56	83	110	253
BASEMENT: CBD	-	-	42	72	95	118	86	112	51	71	21	33	85	102	380	508
BASEMENT: OTHER THAN CBD	-	-	34	62	20	103	66	103	35	48	-	33	85	102	240	451
UNDERCROFT: OTHER THAN CBD	-	-	34	43	12	14	-	-	-	-	-	12	37	44	83	113
INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS																
6.00 M to underside of truss and 4,500 M² Gross Floor Area with:																
ZINCALUME METAL CLADDING	-	-	92	104	20	37	-	22	-	-	-	11	95	479	207	653
PRECAST CONCRETE CLADDING	-	-	92	104	20	37	-	22	-	-	-	11	95	183	207	357
Attached Air Conditioned Offices																
200 M²	-	-	125	164	20	48	403	525	-	248	33	80	248	321	829	1,386
400 M²	-	-	125	164	20	48	403	531	-	245	33	80	248	340	829	1,408

COST RANGE PER GROSS FLOOR AREA	SPECIAL EQUIPMENT		HYDRAULIC		FIRE		MECH.		VERTICAL TRANSPORT		BUILDING MGT.		ELECTRICAL		TOTAL	
	$/M²		$/M²		$/M²		$/M²		$/M²		$/M²		$/M²		$/M²	
	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH
AGED CARE																
SINGLE STOREY FACILITY	-	18	271	420	20	91	165	375	-	-	12	26	186	269	654	1,199
PRIVATE HOSPITALS																
Low Rise Hospital																
45–60 M² GFA/BED	34	65	290	373	56	117	740	843	64	111	50	64	410	551	1,644	2,124
55–80 M² GFA/BED WITH MAJOR OPERATING THEATRE	60	200	330	380	83	143	1,022	1,338	96	131	131	135	475	682	2,197	3,009
CINEMAS																
GROUP COMPLEX, 2,000–4,000 SEATS (WARM SHELL)	18	35	166	264	109	143	650	897	243	318	22	79	327	471	1,535	2,207
REGIONAL SHOPPING CENTRES																
DEPARTMENT STORE	-	27	125	146	102	110	318	424	-	-	-	18	251	357	796	1,082
SUPERMARKET/VARIETY STORE	-	-	129	146	81	107	307	443	-	-	-	18	284	378	801	1,092
DISCOUNT DEPARTMENT STORE	-	27	102	132	71	114	266	336	-	-	49	70	263	389	751	1,068
MALLS	-	44	119	152	81	121	305	503	-	-	-	39	350	479	855	1,338
SPECIALTY SHOPS	-	-	123	155	84	126	375	523	-	-	-	29	242	379	824	1,212
SMALL SHOPS AND SHOWROOMS																
SMALL SHOPS & SHOWROOMS	-	-	102	143	20	46	266	487	-	-	-	18	171	197	559	891
RESIDENTIAL																
SINGLE AND DOUBLE STOREY DWELLINGS (CUSTOM BUILT)	-	19	151	296	12	45	22	405	-	-	-	28	132	330	317	1,123
RESIDENTIAL UNITS																
WALK-UP 85 TO 120 M²/UNIT	-	-	182	372	12	36	22	322	-	-	-	35	132	306	348	1,071
TOWNHOUSES 90 TO 120 M²/UNIT	-	-	142	372	12	45	22	295	-	-	-	35	121	266	297	1,013
MULTI-STOREY UNITS																
Up to 10 storeys with lift																
UNITS 60–70 M²	-	19	303	374	20	85	251	338	160	204	18	42	220	310	972	1,372
UNITS 90–120 M²	-	19	286	343	20	85	247	346	145	190	18	42	203	310	919	1,335
Over 10 and up to 20 storeys	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
UNITS 60–70 M²	-	19	300	393	80	105	305	372	160	217	18	42	243	330	1,106	1,478
UNITS 90–120 M²	-	19	283	355	71	89	288	356	152	203	18	42	243	292	1,055	1,356
Over 20 and up to 40 storeys	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
UNITS 60–70 M²	13	57	380	450	100	124	346	496	88	118	35	50	243	388	1,205	1,683
UNITS 90–120 M²	13	59	380	430	100	124	326	469	88	97	35	50	243	362	1,185	1,591
Over 40 and up to 80 storeys	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
UNITS 60–70 M²	13	59	405	457	107	135	475	578	222	302	35	53	300	391	1,557	1,975
UNITS 90–120 M²	13	59	383	438	107	135	456	564	222	302	35	53	300	408	1,516	1,959

SPECIAL EQUIPMENT
Special Equipment includes Building Maintenance Units, Medical Gases, Chutes, Incinerators and Compactors where appropriate.

HYDRAULIC
Hydraulic Services include Cold Water Supply, Soil, Waste and Ventilation Plumbing and Associated Sanitary Fittings and Faucets where appropriate.

FIRE PROTECTION
Fire Services include Detectors, Warden Communication, Sprinklers, Hydrants, Hose Reels and Extinguishers.

MECHANICAL
Mechanical Services include Air Conditioning, Ventilation, Heating and Domestic Hot Water where appropriate.

VERTICAL TRANSPORT
Transport Services include Lifts, Escalators, Travelators, Dumbwaiters, etc. where appropriate.

BUILDING MANAGEMENT
Building Management Services include Communications, Security and Building Automation Systems where appropriate.

ELECTRICAL
Electrical Services include the provision of Lighting and Power to occupied areas where appropriate.

QUEENSLAND CONSTRUCTION UNIT COSTS

ITEM	CONSTRUCTION COST RANGE		PER
	LOW	HIGH	
HOTELS			
Multi-Storey (excluding basements)			
FIVE STAR	750,000	1,025,000	BEDROOM
FOUR STAR	565,000	750,000	BEDROOM
THREE STAR	400,000	520,000	BEDROOM
CAR PARKS			
Based on 30 M² per car			
OPEN DECK MULTI-STOREY	57,000	115,000	CAR
BASEMENT – CBD	85,000	120,000	CAR
BASEMENT – OTHER THAN CBD	79,000	100,000	CAR
UNDERCROFT – OTHER THAN CBD	44,000	63,000	CAR
AGED CARE			
FACILITY	550,000	785,000	BEDROOM
PRIVATE HOSPITALS			
Low Rise Hospital			
45–60 M² GFA/BED	725,000	1,100,000	BED
55–80 M² GFA/BED	1,150,000	2,050,000	BED
CINEMAS			
MULTIPLEX COMPLEX (WARM SHELL)	9,300	14,500	SEAT
HOUSING			
SINGLE AND DOUBLE STOREY DWELLINGS (CUSTOM BUILT) – 325 M²	500,000	3,400,000	HOUSE
RESIDENTIAL UNITS (EXCL CARPARK/SITE WORKS)			
WALK-UP UNITS 85–120 M²/UNIT	270,000	670,000	UNIT
TOWNHOUSES 90–120 M²/UNIT	240,000	600,000	UNIT
MULTI-STOREY RESIDENTIAL UNITS			
Up to 10 storeys with lift			
UNITS 60–70 M²	600,000	800,000	UNIT
UNITS 90–120 M²	700,000	1,000,000	UNIT
Over 10 and up to 20 storeys			
UNITS 60–70 M²	600,000	800,000	UNIT
UNITS 90–120 M²	700,000	1,000,000	UNIT
Over 20 and up to 40 storeys			
UNITS 60–70 M²	700,000	1,000,000	UNIT
UNITS 90–120 M²	800,000	1,000,000	UNIT
Over 40 and up to 80 storeys			
UNITS 60–70 M²	800,000	1,100,000	UNIT
UNITS 90–120 M²	850,000	1,400,000	UNIT

QUEENSLAND CONSTRUCTION SITEWORKS COSTS

LANDSCAPING

	LOW	HIGH	PER
LIGHT LANDSCAPING TO LARGE AREAS WITH MINIMAL PLANTING AND SITE FORMATION BUT EXCLUDING TOPSOIL AND GRASSING	63,000	95,000	HECTARE
DENSE LANDSCAPING AROUND BUILDINGS INCLUDING SHRUBS, PLANTS, TOPSOIL AND GRASSING	225	430	M²
GRASSING ONLY TO LARGE AREAS INCLUDING TOPSOIL, SOWING AND TREATING	40	45	M²

CAR PARKS – ON GROUND

Based on 30 M² overall area per car with asphalt paving including sub base and sealing.

	LOW	HIGH	PER
LIGHT DUTY PAVING	4,200	5,300	CARSPACE
HEAVY DUTY PAVING TO FACTORY TYPE COMPLEX, LARGE AREA WITH MINIMAL SITE FORMATION, DRAINAGE AND KERB TREATMENT	5,600	8,200	CARSPACE
LIGHT DUTY PAVING TO SHOPPING CENTRE COMPLEX, LARGE AREA WITH MINIMAL SITE FORMATION, AND INCLUDING DRAINAGE AND KERB TREATMENT	4,600	6,200	CARSPACE

ROADS

Asphalt finish including kerb, channel and drainage.

	LOW	HIGH	PER
RESIDENTIAL ESTATE 6.80 METRES WIDE EXCLUDING FOOT PATH AND NATURE STRIP	3,400	4,100	M
INDUSTRIAL ESTATE 10.4 METRES WIDE INCLUDING MINIMAL TO EXTENSIVE FORMATION	4,600	5,700	M

QUEENSLAND CONSTRUCTION DEMOLITION COSTS

Demolition costs include grubbing up footings, sealing services, temporary shoring, supports, removal of demolished materials, rubbish and site debris.

Exclusions: work carried out outside normal working hours, credit value of demolished materials and restricted site conditions.

BUILDING TYPE	LOW	HIGH	PER
SINGLE STOREY TIMBER FRAMED HOUSE WITH TIMBER CLADDING AND TILED ROOF	180	250	M²
SINGLE/DOUBLE STOREY BRICK HOUSE WITH TILED ROOF	200	260	M²
SINGLE STOREY FACTORY/WAREHOUSE WITH REINFORCED CONCRETE GROUND SLAB, TIMBER OR STEEL FRAMED WALLS			
• METAL CLAD	200	260	M²
• BRICK CLAD	200	260	M²
TWO STOREY OFFICE BUILDING WITH REINFORCED CONCRETE FRAME MASONRY CLADDING AND METAL ROOF	240	320	M²
MULTI-STOREY OFFICE BUILDING UP TO 15 FLOORS WITH MASONRY CLADDING			
• REINFORCED CONCRETE	340	450	M²
• STRUCTURAL STEEL	340	1,020	M²
MULTI-STOREY OFFICE BUILDING UP TO 25 STOREYS, CONSTRUCTED OF STEEL FRAME WITH MASONRY CLADDING	350	1,100	M²

HOTEL FURNITURE, FITTINGS & EQUIPMENT COSTS

The cost of hotel furniture, fittings and equipment (FF&E) varies within a wide range and is dependent on the quality of items provided. The following gives the expected cost ranges for different rating hotels. These costs include fitting out public areas.

	LOW	HIGH	PER
FIVE STAR RATING	53,000	105,000	BEDROOM
FOUR STAR RATING	36,750	69,000	BEDROOM
THREE STAR RATING	31,500	58,000	BEDROOM

QUEENSLAND CONSTRUCTION OFFICE FITOUT COSTS

The following costs, which include workstations, are an indication of those currently achievable for good quality office accommodation, inclusive of all loose and fixed furniture.

TYPE OF TENANCY	OPEN PLANNED		FULLY PARTITIONED		PER
	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	
INSURANCE OFFICES, GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT	2,200	2,900	2,250	2,950	M²
MAJOR COMPANY HEADQUARTERS	2,350	3,700	2,600	3,900	M²
SOLICITORS, FINANCIERS	2,600	3,700	2,800	4,200	M²
EXECUTIVE AREAS AND FRONT OF HOUSE	-	-	3,150	7,200	M²
COMPUTER AREAS	3,700	6,900	-	-	M²

Computer areas include access flooring and additional services costs but exclude computer equipment.

WORKSTATIONS

Fully self-contained workstation module size 1,800 x 1,800 MM including screens generally 1,220 MM high (managerial 1,620 MM high), desks, storage cupboards, shelving.

TYPE OF WORKSTATION	LOW	HIGH	PER
CALL CENTRE	2,350	3,750	EACH
SECRETARIAL	2,750	4,200	EACH
TECHNICAL STAFF	2,600	5,500	EACH
EXECUTIVE	4,100	8,600	EACH

REFURBISHMENT

Office

The following refurbishment costs include for demolition and removal of partitions and internal finishes, provide new floor, ceiling and wall finishes, but excluding fitting out and removal of asbestos and upgrading of building for GreenStar ratings. The lower end of the range indicates re-use and modification of existing specialist building services, while the upper end of the range indicates complete replacement of equipment and accessories.

	LOW	HIGH	PER
CBD OFFICES TYPICAL FLOOR	2,350	3,500	M²
CBD OFFICES CORE UPGRADE (EXCLUDING LIFTS MODERNISATION)	1,800	2,650	M²

QUEENSLAND CONSTRUCTION RECREATIONAL FACILITIES COSTS

BASKETBALL CENTRE

	LOW	HIGH	PER
CONSISTING OF BRICK WALLS, STEEL PORTAL FRAME AND PURLINS WITH METAL ROOF, TIMBER FLOOR TO PLAYING AREA, PUBLIC SEATING, PUBLIC TOILETS AND CHANGE ROOMS	4,000	6,500	M^2

SWIMMING POOL CENTRES

	LOW	HIGH	PER
INCLUDING FOYER, KIOSK, OFFICE, LOCKERS, ADMINISTRATION OFFICES, CHANGE ROOMS	4,500	7,000	M^2

SWIMMING POOLS

High quality fully tiled including drainage and filtration but excluding surrounding paving and enclosures.

	LOW	HIGH	PER
HALF OLYMPIC (25.0 X 12.5 M)	2,500,000	4,000,000	EACH
• EXTRA FOR HEATING	38,500	107,000	EACH
• EXTRA OVER FILTRATION AND DOSING PLANT FOR OZONE BASED DOSING SYSTEM	59,000	91,000	EACH
• EXTRA FOR WET DECK	32,000	64,000	EACH
OLYMPIC (50.0 X 21.5 M)	3,500,000	6,000,000	EACH
• EXTRA FOR HEATING	52,500	91,000	EACH
• EXTRA FOR FILTRATION AND DOSING PLANT	470,000	945,000	EACH
• EXTRA OVER FILTRATION AND DOSING PLANT FOR OZONE BASED DOSING SYSTEM	114,000	207,000	EACH

SMALL BOAT AND YACHT MARINA BERTHS

Floating pontoon walk-ways, serviced with power and water.

	LOW	HIGH	PER
DOUBLE LOADED BERTHS	40,000	90,000	BERTH
SINGLE LOADED BERTHS	45,000	95,000	BERTH
SUPER YACHTS	300,000	350,000	BERTH

TENNIS COURTS

Six courts with minimal site formation and including sub base playing surface, chainwire fence 3.60 M high and spoon drains.

	LOW	HIGH	PER
SYNTHETIC GRASS	90,000	100,000	COURT
RED POROUS (EN-TOUT-CAS)	36,000	120,000	COURT
SYNTHETIC ACRYLIC (FLEXIPAVE)	90,000	120,000	COURT
ASPHALT (5 MM)	40,000	100,000	COURT
REBOUND ACE	90,000	120,000	COURT
PLEXICUSHION	-	-	COURT
CONCRETE	70,000	90,000	COURT
FLOODLIGHTING	15,000	17,500	COURT

GOLF COURSES

18 hole championship course including siteworks, finishing works, irrigation, grassing, landscaping, green keeping, plant and equipment, course furniture and groundstaff to practical completion but excluding mains water supply to course, roads, carparks and clubhouse. The following are indicative costs only.

	LOW	HIGH	PER
SANDY SOIL SITE, REQUIRING MINIMAL EXCAVATION AND SITE PREPARATION	7,500,000	12,000,000	COURSE
SITE REQUIRING ROCK EXCAVATION	12,000,000	18,000,000	COURSE
SWAMPY SITE REQUIRING DREDGING FOR LAKES, ETC. AND EXTENSIVE FILL	18,000,000	30,000,000	COURSE

PLAYING FIELDS

Soccer, rugby, Australian rules, hockey or similar turfed areas with minimal site formation and including sub base, drainage and turfing.

	LOW	HIGH	PER
EXCLUDES SPRINKLERS	150	350	M^2

GRANDSTANDS

Prestige metropolitan grandstand with a high standard of finishes and facilities including bars, stores, meeting/change rooms, dining and kitchen area.

	LOW	HIGH	PER
GRANDSTAND	20,000	35,000	SEAT

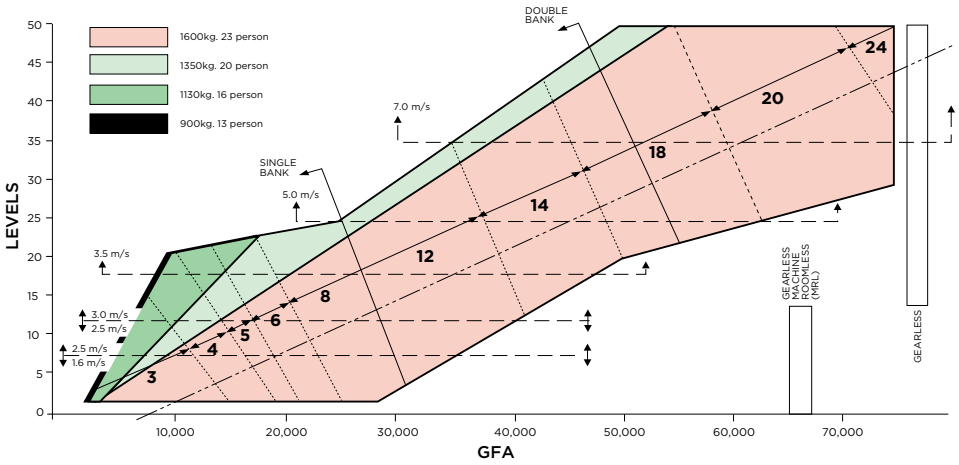
QUEENSLAND CONSTRUCTION VERTICAL TRANSPORTATION

LIFT SELECTION CHART

To calculate the number and type of lifts:

- Locate a point on the graph by using the GFA in M^2 shown on the bottom axis and number of levels on the left axis.
- The colour at the intersection point indicates the lift capacity, the horizontal lines the lift speed and the angled lines the number of lifts and the number of banks.
- By extending the horizontal line to the far right hand side, the type of lift required can be obtained.

Destination control is a optional lift control system in which passengers key-in the number of their destination floor at a button panel located in their current lift lobby area. Each floor lobby has a button panel. The lifts cars themselves do not have destination buttons and are designated to serve the floors as required. Destination control will generally boost the “Up peak” or morning performance of the lift system and will provide additional security provisions. The performance of the lift system during lunch times and at the end of the day is generally not improved with this control system. Lobby area may need to be increased.



APPLICATION	LIFT TYPE	SPEED M/S	NO. OF FLOORS SERVED	BASE COST $		ADDITIONAL FLOOR	EXPRESS FLOOR
				LOW	HIGH	RATE	RATE
OFFICE & RESIDENTIAL	ELECTRO-HYDRAULIC PASSENGER	0.5	2	133,200	158,100	15,900	9,800
	GEARLESS TO 17 PASSENGER	1	5	137,000	169,100	15,900	9,800
	GEARLESS UP TO 17 PASSENGER	1.6	8	182,900	235,900	15,900	9,700
	GEARLESS	2.5	10	322,100	395,700	15,900	9,700
	GEARLESS	3.5	10	835,000	942,500	15,900	9,700
	GEARLESS	4	10	881,200	965,100	17,300	12,400
	GEARLESS	5	10	909,100	990,600	17,300	12,400
	GEARLESS	6	10	991,100	1,067,100	17,300	12,400
	GEARLESS	7	10	1,494,900	1,567,800	17,300	12,400
	GEARLESS	8	10	1,635,200	1,683,200	23,300	14,300
HOSPITAL	GEARED UP TO 40 PASSENGER	2	5	468,100	553,100	19,800	12,400
	GEARLESS	2.5	10	449,900	396,300	20,400	12,400
LARGE GOODS	GEARLESS MRL TO 2,000 KG	1.6	10	263,800	326,500	16,200	11,000
	ELECTRO-HYDRAULIC TO 5,000 KG	0.5	2	456,400	520,900	29,700	20,400
	GEARLESS 2,500 KG	2.5	10	690,400	760,200	20,400	12,400
ESCALATORS	RISE 2,600 TO 5,000 MM	0.5	-	235,900	289,100	-	-
MOVING WALKS	2,500 TO 5,000 MM	0.5	-	359,200	455,800	-	-
SERVICE LIFT	BENCH HEIGHT UNIT	0.2	3	37,900	51,900	5,200	2,100
	LARGER UNIT	0.2	3	58,600	70,600	6,200	2,100
DISABLED PLATFORM LIFT	TO 1,000 MM	0.1	2	39,100	47,600	-	-
	1,000 TO 4,000 MM	0.1	2	52,400	91,300	-	-

Note: Destination Control Lift System option costs are not included in the above rates.

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QUEENSLAND DEVELOPMENT STAMP DUTIES

Transfer duty in Queensland is calculated on the property's dutiable value (usually the higher of market value or contract price). The general rates are tiered:

PROPERTY VALUE	DUTY PAYABLE
UP TO $5,000	NIL
$5,001 – $75,000	$1.50 PER $100 OVER $5,000
$75,001 – $540,000	$1,050 + $3.50 PER $100 OVER $75,000
$540,001 – $1,000,000	$17,325 + $4.50 PER $100 OVER $540,000
OVER $1,000,000	$38,025 + $5.75 PER $100 OVER $1,000,000

Foreign buyers pay an extra 8% surcharge on residential land.

KEY CONCESSIONS & EXEMPTIONS

1. Home Concession

- For owner-occupiers (not investors), even if you've owned property before.
- Must move in within 12 months and live there for at least 12 months.

QUEENSLAND HOME CONCESSION TRANSFER DUTY RATES

DUTIABLE VALUE	DUTY PAYABLE
UP TO $350,000	NIL
$350,001 – $540,000	$1.00 PER $100 OVER $350,000
$540,001 – $1,000,000	$1,900 + $3.50 PER $100 OVER $540,000
OVER $1,000,000	$17,325 + $4.50 PER $100 OVER $1,000,000

2. First Home Concession (Established Homes)

- Applies to first home buyers purchasing an established home.
- No duty if property ≤ $700,000.
- Discounted duty for $700,001–$799,999.
- Above $800,000: no first-home concession, but home concession may apply.

3. First Home (New Home) Concession (Effective 1 May 2025)

- Full exemption for first home buyers purchasing a new home or vacant land to build.
- No value cap – applies regardless of price.
- Must sign contract on or after 1 May 2025 and meet residency requirements.

4. Vacant Land Concession

- For first home buyers purchasing land to build their first home.
- Full exemption if contract signed on or after 1 May 2025.

For more details - https://qro.qld.gov.au/duties/transfer-duty/

QUEENSLAND DEVELOPMENT LAND TAX

The Office of State Revenue (OSR) collects land tax in Queensland and administers the Land Tax Act 2010.

Land tax is levied by the Queensland Government on freehold land owned in Queensland as at midnight on 30th June each year.

For land tax purposes, "land" includes vacant land, land that is built upon, building unit plans, group title plans, time shares and home unit companies.

The *Revenue Legislation Amendment Act 2022*, assented on 15 June 2022, amended the total value of taxable land to include all land owned not only in Queensland, but also 'relevant interstate land' from 30 June 2023. Although the reform was legislated, the government did not implement it. Instead, it was indefinitely deferred, and the Queensland Revenue Office (QRO) has continued to assess land tax only on Queensland land.

TOTAL UNIMPROVED VALUE OF LAND	2025 TAX RATES (LAND OWNED @ 01/07/25)
RATES FOR INDIVIDUALS	
$0 TO $599,999	$0
$600,000 TO $999,999	$500 PLUS 1 CENT FOR EACH $1 MORE THAN $600,000
$1,000,000 TO $2,999,999	$4,500 PLUS 1.65 CENTS FOR EACH $1 MORE THAN $1,000,000
$3,000,000 TO $4,999,999	$37,500 PLUS 1.25 CENTS FOR EACH $1 MORE THAN $3,000,000
$5,000,000 TO $9,999,999	$62,500 PLUS 1.75 CENTS FOR EACH $1 MORE THAN $5,000,000
$10,000,000 OR MORE	$150,000 PLUS 2.25 CENTS FOR EACH $1 MORE THAN $10,000,000
RATES FOR COMPANIES, TRUSTEES AND ABSENTEES	
$0 TO $349,999	$0
$350,000 TO $2,249,999	$1,450 PLUS 1.7 CENTS FOR EACH $1 MORE THAN $350,000
$2,250,000 TO $4,999,999	$33,750 PLUS 1.5 CENTS FOR EACH $1 MORE THAN $2,250,000
$5,000,000 TO $9,999,999	$75,000 PLUS 2.25 CENTS FOR EACH $1 MORE THAN $5,000,000
$10,000,000 OR MORE	$187,500 PLUS 2.75 CENTS FOR EACH $1 MORE THAN $10,000,000

An absentee surcharge for land held by foreign individuals and who do not ordinarily reside in Australia, may be classified as an absentee for land tax purposes and charged an additional surcharge.

For further details refer to www.qld.gov.au.

QUEENSLAND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING – PROJECT TRUST ACCOUNTS

The Building Industry Fairness (Security of Payment) Act 2017 is Queensland legislation designed to ensure fair and timely payment across the construction industry—particularly for subcontractors. The Act outlines clear requirements for issuing and responding to payment claims and provides a fast-track dispute resolution process. It also introduces Project Trust Accounts (PTAs) to safeguard payments on qualifying construction projects.

WHAT ARE PROJECT TRUSTS?

A Project Trust Account (PTA) is a dedicated bank account where the head contractor holds project funds in trust for subcontractors engaged on that project. This mechanism ensures subcontractors are paid directly from funds received for the work—even if the head contractor encounters financial difficulties. In essence, the PTA provides a financial safety net to protect subcontractor payments.

A PTA is typically:

- funded by the project owner or developer
- administered by the head contractor
- the account from which all subcontractors are paid
- the account from which the head contractor pays themselves

WHAT TYPES OF PROJECTS REQUIRE PROJECT TRUSTS?

Project Trust Accounts are mandatory for eligible building and construction contracts in Queensland. These include:

- Government and private sector projects valued at $1 million or more
- Projects involving building work, such as commercial buildings, schools, hospitals, and multi-residential developments (three or more dwellings)

Project Trust Accounts do not apply to:

- Small-scale residential projects (e.g., single detached homes)
- Maintenance work
- Infrastructure projects such as roads, railways, and tunnels

Further details: www.qbcc.qld.gov.au/running-your-business/trust-accounts

QUEENSLAND DEVELOPMENT LAND VALUES

The values shown are indicative of current land values in Queensland and may vary according to position, planning requirements etc.

LOCATION (COSTS PER M²)	$/M²	
	LOW	HIGH
OFFICES		
CBD	15,000	30,000
FRINGE	5,500	10,000
RETAIL		
QUEEN STREET MALL	50,000	100,000
CBD SECONDARY AREAS	8,000	15,000
NEIGHBOURHOOD SHOPPING CENTRE	2,500	5,000
SUBURBAN STRIP SHOPPING	1,500	6,000
INDUSTRIAL (1HA TO 5HA)		
TRADE COAST	700	930
NORTHSIDE	700	900
SOUTHSIDE	500	650

Prepared by RLB and others.

QUEENSLAND DEVELOPMENT RENTAL RATES

The net rents indicated below show the change in levels since 1988. Allowance has been made for the effects of rental incentives, rent free periods etc.

	OFFICES		INDUSTRIAL
	CBD	FRINGE	PRIME
1992	117	82	66
1993	74	75	69
1994	47	97	71
1995	58	123	73
1996	62	132	78
1997	91	120	78
1998	103	128	78
1999	128	130	78
2000	146	136	78
2001	200	150	78
2002	173	150	83
2003	184	143	83
2004	240	154	95
2005	283	219	98
2006	375	267	100
2007	558	361	118
2008	597	382	130
2009	409	281	120
2010	388	291	120
2011	382	289	120
2012	394	317	120
2013	333	308	118
2014	305	270	122
2015	305	270	122
2016	303	279	122
2017	315	280	122
2018	317	270	122
2019	317	270	122
2020	320	279	120
2021	330	275	125
2022	335	280	125
2023	355	290	135
2024	405	310	145
2025	415	320	180

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QUEENSLAND DEVELOPMENT OFFICE SECTOR DATA

BRISBANE CBD VACANCY RATES – Q2 2025

PCA GRADE	STOCK M²	VACANCY M²	VAC %
PREMIUM/PRIME	1,430,750	114,467	8.0
SECONDARY	934,368	132,279	14.9
TOTAL	2,365,118	253,746	1072

Source: Knight Frank/PCA

CURRENT BRISBANE CBD OFFICE DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY

PROPERTY	PRECINCT	NLA M²	STATUS	COMPLETION	MAJOR TENANT
40 EDWARD STREET TOWER	CBD	32,000	DA	TBA	-
30 MAKERSTON STREET (REDEVELOPMENT)	CBD	25,000	DA	TBA	-
130 MARY STREET (REDEVELOPMENT)	CBD	20,000	DA	2026+	-
140 ELIZABETH ST	CBD	9,908	EARLY WORKS	2027	-
70 EAGLE ST	CBD	11,476	EARLY WORKS	2027	-
320 ADELAIDE ST	CBD	45,000	UC	Q2 2025	QIC, BDO, HSF, HOPGOOD GANIM
WATERFRONT PRECINCT NORTH TOWER	CBD	81,200	UC	Q2 2028	DELOITTE, MINTER ELLISON, GADENS, COLLIERS
150 ELIZABETH STREET	CBD	54,000	DA	TBA	-
309 NORTH QUAY	CBD (NORTH)	55,000	DA	TBA	-
101 ALBERT ST	CBD	47,000	DA	TBA	-
343 ALBERT STREET	CBD	50,160	DA	TBA	-
135 EAGLE STREET	CBD	35,000	DA	TBA	-
WATERFRONT PRECINCT SOUTH TOWER	CBD	60,000	DA	TBA	-
62 MARY STREET	CBD	38,000	DA	TBA	-
200 TURBOT STREET	CBD	66,079	DA	TBA	-

UC: Under Construction, DA: Development Approved

Source: Cushmam & Wakefield, Knight Frank

QUEENSLAND DEVELOPMENT OFFICE SECTOR DATA

KEY MARKET INDICATORS – Q2 2025

BRISBANE CBD	PCA PREMIUM		PCA GRADE A		PCA GRADE B	
	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH
RENTAL – GROSS FACE	900	1,150	750	900	570	680
RENTAL – NET FACE	730	830	580	650	420	520
INCENTIVE LEVEL (%) NET	30	40	35	45	40	50
RENTAL – NET EFFECTIVE	430	580	320	420	210	290
TYPICAL LEASE TERM (YEARS)	7	10	4	7	2	5
YIELD – MARKET (% NET FACE RENTAL)	6.5	7.25	7.5	8	8.25	9.5
CARS PERMANENT RESERVED ($/PCM)	800	950	650	800	500	650
CARS PERMANENT ($/PCM)	450	650	400	550	300	500
OFFICE COMPONENT CAPITAL VALUES	14,000	20,500	10,000	15,000	6,500	10,000

KEY MARKET INDICATORS – Q2 2025

BRISBANE FRINGE CBD	PCA GRADE A		PCA GRADE B	
	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH
RENTAL – GROSS FACE	600	780	445	550
RENTAL – NET FACE	480	650	335	435
INCENTIVE LEVEL (%) NET	35	45	40	50
RENTAL – NET EFFECTIVE	260	330	160	210
TYPICAL LEASE TERM (YEARS)	5	8	3	5
YIELD – MARKET (% NET FACE RENTAL)	6.75	8	8	9
CARS PERMANENT RESERVED ($/PCM)	335	410	300	335
CARS PERMANENT ($/PCM)	285	400	200	310
OFFICE COMPONENT CAPITAL VALUES	7,500	11,000	4,800	7,300

All rates are $/M² unless otherwise noted.

Source: RLB and others

QUEENSLAND DEVELOPMENT RETAIL SECTOR DATA

KEY MARKET INDICATORS – Q2 2025

BRISBANE ENCLOSED CENTRES	REGIONAL		SUB REGIONAL		NEIGHBOURHOOD		LARGE FORMAT	
	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH
DEPARTMENT STORE RENT (GROSS)	170	320						
DDS RENT (GROSS)	175	325	155	285				
SUPERMARKET RENT (GROSS)	390	470	360	470	360	470		
SPECIALTY TENANT RENT (GROSS)	1,354	1,435	662	1,018	575	950	205	370
MINI-MAJOR RENT (GROSS)	550	1,550	410	1,100	205	685		
YIELD – MARKET (%)	5	6.5	6	7.75	5.35	7.25	5.45	6.75
CAPITAL VALUES	8,400	18,000	2,600	8,500	4,800	8,300	2,050	6,750

PROPERTY	TYPE	PRICE ($M)	DATE	GLA (M²)	$/M²
WILLOWS SHOPPING CENTRE	SUB-REGIONAL CENTRE	212	SEP-24	44,507	4,764
REPCO MAX CAPALABA	LARGE FORMAT RETAIL (LFR)	13.5	SEP-25	1,924	7,017
FREESTANDING LFR (BABY BUNTING/RSEA)	LARGE FORMAT RETAIL	11.45	Q3-25	N/A	N/A
WESTFIELD CHERMSIDE (25% STAKE)	REGIONAL CENTRE	683	JUL-25	N/A (PARTIAL SALE)	N/A
WOOLWORTHS MALENY	NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE	13.75	JUL-25	N/A	N/A
THE WOOLCOCK CENTRE	LARGE FORMAT RETAIL	11	JUL-25	N/A	N/A

All rates are $/M² unless otherwise stated.

Source: RLB and others

QUEENSLAND DEVELOPMENT INDUSTRIAL SECTOR DATA

KEY MARKET INDICATORS – Q2 2025

NORTH

	PRIME GRADE	
	LOW	HIGH
RENTAL NET FACE	180	200
INCENTIVES (%)	10.00%	14.00%
YIELD- MARKET (%)	5.75%	6.25%
OUTGOINGS – TOTAL	30	40
CAPITAL VALUES	2,400	3,500
LAND VALUES 1 – 5 HA	700	900

TRADE COAST

	PRIME GRADE	
	LOW	HIGH
RENTAL NET FACE	200	215
INCENTIVES (%)	8.50%	12.00%
YIELD- MARKET (%)	5.50%	6.00%
OUTGOINGS – TOTAL	30	38
CAPITAL VALUES	3,000	3,500
LAND VALUES 1 – 5 HA	700	900

SOUTHSIDE

	PRIME GRADE	
	LOW	HIGH
RENTAL NET FACE	165	175
INCENTIVES (%)	12.00%	16.00%
YIELD- MARKET (%)	6.00%	6.35%
OUTGOINGS – TOTAL	30	42
CAPITAL VALUES	2,400	3,000
LAND VALUES 1 – 5 HA	500	650

All rates are $/M^2 unless otherwise noted.
Source: Cushman & Wakefield

QUEENSLAND DEVELOPMENT CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY

ANNUAL VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY IN QUEENSLAND

YEAR ENDING	RESIDENTIAL	NON-RESIDENTIAL	ENGINEERING	TOTAL CONSTRUCTION
JUN-1995	4,593	2,227	3,019	**9,839**
JUN-1996	3,376	2,416	3,036	**8,828**
JUN-1997	3,442	2,523	3,593	**9,558**
JUN-1998	3,965	2,596	3,859	**10,420**
JUN-1999	3,573	2,648	4,575	**10,796**
JUN-2000	4,372	2,585	5,221	**12,178**
JUN-2001	3,561	2,426	4,744	**10,732**
JUN-2002	5,075	2,480	4,628	**12,182**
JUN-2003	6,560	2,509	5,559	**14,628**
JUN-2004	8,460	3,176	5,540	**17,176**
JUN-2005	9,578	3,815	7,087	**20,480**
JUN-2006	9,843	5,301	9,678	**24,822**
JUN-2007	10,857	6,576	12,947	**30,379**
JUN-2008	11,735	7,233	16,787	**35,754**
JUN-2009	11,058	7,986	21,069	**40,112**
JUN-2010	10,621	7,694	19,578	**37,892**
JUN-2011	9,614	8,153	24,134	**41,901**
JUN-2012	8,616	7,504	36,977	**53,097**
JUN-2013	8,704	6,891	42,096	**57,691**
JUN-2014	9,611	7,286	45,847	**62,744**
JUN-2015	11,319	6,884	30,353	**48,556**
JUN-2016	13,794	7,315	18,577	**39,686**
JUN-2017	14,856	7,342	19,304	**41,503**
JUN-2018	14,204	8,206	22,706	**45,115**
JUN-2019	13,436	7,188	21,392	**42,017**
JUN-2020	12,047	8,486	20,117	**40,650**
JUN-2021	13,162	8,032	19,501	**40,695**
JUN-2022	15,470	9,110	21,598	**46,177**
JUN-2023	17,785	10,300	25,186	**53,270**
JUN-2024	19,208	11,553	29,329	**60,091**
JUN-2025	21,467	12,180	30,540	**64,187**

Source: ABS 8752.0 & 8762.0 (Current Prices – Original Series - $Millions).

QUEENSLAND DEVELOPMENT CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY

ANNUAL VALUE OF NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING WORK DONE IN QUEENSLAND

YEAR ENDING	COMMERCIAL	INDUSTRIAL	RETAIL	EDUCATION	HEALTH	AGED CARE	HOTELS	ENTERTAINMENT & RECREATION	OTHER	TOTAL
JUN-2003	433	394	584	294	118	97	123	336	130	**2,509**
JUN-2004	603	578	648	442	118	135	179	249	225	**3,176**
JUN-2005	708	677	921	480	128	192	246	247	216	**3,815**
JUN-2006	799	980	1,358	781	185	213	338	415	232	**5,301**
JUN-2007	1,244	1,188	1,373	963	358	218	364	415	453	**6,576**
JUN-2008	1,958	1,324	1,229	778	384	227	386	365	583	**7,233**
JUN-2009	2,378	1,239	1,181	948	446	272	255	387	878	**7,986**
JUN-2010	1,552	730	779	2,200	707	149	173	316	1090	**7,694**
JUN-2011	1,403	762	1,061	2,254	1,029	142	192	456	854	**8,153**
JUN-2012	1,186	1,001	1,250	1,234	1,352	143	210	425	702	**7,504**
JUN-2013	1,406	1,121	1,079	974	1,206	126	238	286	455	**6,891**
JUN-2014	1,049	1,182	1,525	889	1,554	243	242	230	370	**7,286**
JUN-2015	1,382	860	1,710	992	926	213	307	201	294	**6,884**
JUN-2016	1,228	801	1,768	735	1,012	436	442	596	298	**7,315**
JUN-2017	1,093	1,134	1,711	1,022	395	536	546	522	384	**7,342**
JUN-2018	1,424	989	1,665	992	398	579	970	638	552	**8,206**
JUN-2019	1,048	1,153	1,522	929	388	409	688	438	614	**7,188**
JUN-2020	1,454	1,500	992	1,543	735	414	456	615	777	**8,486**
JUN-2021	1,687	982	1,096	1,368	670	225	407	738	859	**8,032**
JUN-2022	1,776	1,906	1,192	1,260	779	324	466	746	661	**9,110**
JUN-2023	1,670	2,511	1,534	1,394	911	227	432	739	881	**10,300**
JUN-2024	1,992	3,053	1,402	1,587	1,018	163	549	842	947	**11,553**
JUN-2025	2,211	2,906	1,263	1,585	1,624	181	595	636	1,178	**12,180**

Source: ABS 8752.0 (Original Cost - $ Millions).

ANNUAL VALUE OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDING WORK DONE IN QUEENSLAND

YEAR ENDING	NEW HOUSES	NEW APARTMENTS & SEMI DETACHED HOUSING	ALTERATIONS & ADDITIONS INCLUDING CONVERSIONS	TOTAL RESIDENTIAL
JUN-1994	3,076	1,120	230	**4,425**
JUN-1995	3,079	1,253	260	**4,593**
JUN-1996	2,331	778	267	**3,376**
JUN-1997	2,366	793	283	**3,442**
JUN-1998	2,649	1,001	315	**3,965**
JUN-1999	2,332	934	307	**3,573**
JUN-2000	3,035	967	370	**4,372**
JUN-2001	2,127	1,002	431	**3,561**
JUN-2002	3,365	1,164	546	**5,075**
JUN-2003	4,077	1,733	749	**6,560**
JUN-2004	5,140	2,410	909	**8,460**
JUN-2005	5,443	3,094	1,041	**9,578**
JUN-2006	5,351	3,376	1,116	**9,843**
JUN-2007	6,270	3,284	1,303	**10,857**
JUN-2008	7,204	3,179	1,353	**11,735**
JUN-2009	6,432	3,270	1,356	**11,058**
JUN-2010	6,552	2,629	1,439	**10,621**
JUN-2011	5,596	2,588	1,430	**9,614**
JUN-2012	4,888	2,300	1,427	**8,616**
JUN-2013	5,351	2,153	1,200	**8,704**
JUN-2014	5,554	2,808	1,249	**9,611**
JUN-2015	6,103	3,874	1,341	**11,319**
JUN-2016	6,639	5,652	1,503	**13,794**
JUN-2017	7,017	6,391	1,448	**14,856**
JUN-2018	7,419	5,209	1,576	**14,204**
JUN-2019	6,894	4,696	1,846	**13,436**
JUN-2020	6,352	3,772	1,923	**12,047**
JUN-2021	7,105	3,606	2,451	**13,162**
JUN-2022	8,828	3,906	2,735	**15,470**
JUN-2023	9,696	5,265	2,824	**17,785**
JUN-2024	9,937	6,293	2,978	**19,208**
JUN-2025	11,043	7,108	3,316	**21,467**

Source: ABS 8752.0 (Original Cost - $ Millions).

QUEENSLAND DEVELOPMENT CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY

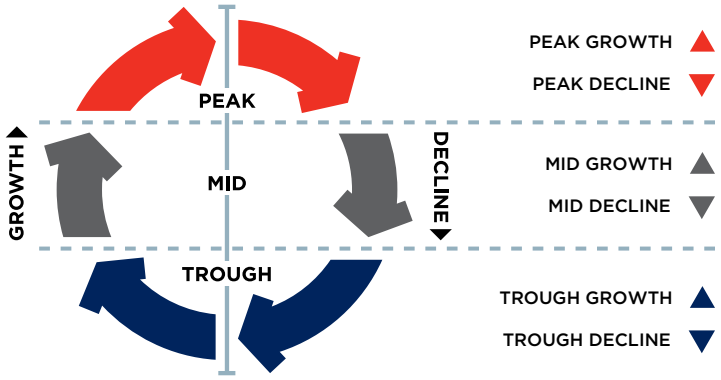
ANNUAL VALUE OF ENGINEERING WORK DONE IN QUEENSLAND

YEAR ENDING	ROADS	RAIL	ELECTRICITY	WATER	COMMS	HEAVY INDUSTRY	RECREATION	TOTAL
JUN-2003	1,411	347	735	386	564	1,641	475	**5,559**
JUN-2004	1,722	319	846	550	527	1,105	471	**5,540**
JUN-2005	2,023	501	1,267	684	650	1,496	467	**7,087**
JUN-2006	2,219	526	1,891	613	915	2,834	679	**9,678**
JUN-2007	3,169	930	2,142	1,188	906	4,007	605	**12,947**
JUN-2008	3,763	1,321	2,588	3,618	848	4,123	525	**16,787**
JUN-2009	6,087	1,643	3,206	2,548	649	6,118	818	**21,069**
JUN-2010	5,594	1,475	2,700	1,969	563	6,570	707	**19,578**
JUN-2011	5,045	1,754	2,638	2,757	730	10,256	954	**24,134**
JUN-2012	6,261	1,524	3,190	2,196	854	21,921	1,030	**36,977**
JUN-2013	4,931	1,469	4,745	2,340	1,075	26,738	797	**42,096**
JUN-2014	4,333	1,263	4,632	1,935	1,296	31,468	920	**45,847**
JUN-2015	3,213	1,420	2,662	1,388	1,227	19,334	1,108	**30,353**
JUN-2016	2,985	1,082	1,816	996	1,535	8,983	1,180	**18,577**
JUN-2017	3,717	1,298	1,843	1,204	2,213	8,143	886	**19,304**
JUN-2018	4,560	979	4,199	1,475	2,109	8,382	1,001	**22,706**
JUN-2019	4,307	891	3,165	1,310	1,775	9,006	939	**21,392**
JUN-2020	3,459	1,539	2,384	1,717	1,501	8,089	1,426	**20,117**
JUN-2021	4,014	1,915	2,487	1,810	1,043	6,684	1,548	**19,501**
JUN-2022	5,021	2,259	4,006	1,865	1,170	6,025	1,253	**21,598**
JUN-2023	6,227	3,081	4,291	2,235	1,333	6,592	1,427	**25,186**
JUN-2024	6,714	3,229	5,440	3,144	1,456	7,906	1,439	**29,329**
JUN-2025	6,333	3,489	6,786	3,453	1,334	7,681	1,465	**30,540**

Source: ABS 8762.0 (Original Cost - $ Millions)

QUEENSLAND DEVELOPMENT RLB CONSTRUCTION MARKET ACTIVITY CYCLE

Activity within the construction industry traditionally has been subject to volatile cyclical fluctuations. The RLB Construction Market Activity Cycle (cycle) is a representation of the development activity cycle for the construction industry within the general economy.



Within the general construction industry, RLB considers seven sectors to be representative of the industry as a whole.

Each sector is assessed as to which of the three zones (peak, mid or trough) best represents the current status of that sector within the cycle, then further refined by identifying whether the current status is in a growth or a decline phase.

The 'up' and 'down' arrows within the table represent whether the sector is in a growth or decline phase with the colour of the arrow determining the zone within the cycle.

The following tables represent the position of each sector within the RLB Market Activity Cycle for the major cities within Queensland. The tables reflect the movement of each sector within the cycle for the period represented.

BRISBANE	Q2 2023	Q4 2023	Q2 2024	Q4 2024	Q2 2025	Q4 2025
HOUSES	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▲
APARTMENTS	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼
OFFICES	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▼
INDUSTRIAL	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
RETAIL	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼
HOTEL	▲	▲	▲	▼	▲	▼
INFRASTRUCTURE	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
HEALTH	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
AGED CARE	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
DATA CENTRES	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲

GOLD COAST	Q2 2023	Q4 2023	Q2 2024	Q4 2024	Q2 2025	Q4 2025
HOUSES	▼	▼	▼	▲	▲	▲
APARTMENTS	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼
OFFICES	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
INDUSTRIAL	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
RETAIL	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼
HOTEL	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
INFRASTRUCTURE	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▼
HEALTH	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
AGED CARE	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
DATA CENTRES	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲

TOWNSVILLE	Q2 2023	Q4 2023	Q2 2024	Q4 2024	Q2 2025	Q4 2025
HOUSES	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▲
APARTMENTS	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
OFFICES	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
INDUSTRIAL	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼
RETAIL	▲	▲	▲	▼	▼	▲
HOTEL						
INFRASTRUCTURE	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
HEALTH		▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
AGED CARE						
DATA CENTRES						

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BENCHMARKS REGIONAL INDICES

The construction cost information in this publication is based upon rates for capital city construction projects and are current for the Fourth Quarter 2025. For towns or cities outside capital cities, costs can be expected to vary in accordance with the following table of indices:

NEW SOUTH WALES		QUEENSLAND		WESTERN AUSTRALIA	
SYDNEY	100	BRISBANE	100	PERTH	100
ARMIDALE	105	CAIRNS	112	ALBANY	135
COFFS HARBOUR	100	GLADSTONE	120	BROOME	175
NEWCASTLE	99	GOLD COAST	100	BUNBURY	130
ORANGE	106	MACKAY	120	CARNARVON	160
TAMWORTH	102	SUNSHINE COAST	100	ESPERANCE	140
WAGGA WAGGA	106	TOWNSVILLE	110	GERALDTON	130
WOLLONGONG	100			KALGOORLIE	155
				KUNUNURRA	200
				PORT HEDLAND	190
				TOM PRICE	195

The above table should be used only as a comparative guide, and is only appropriate for the urban precincts nominated and for the larger commercial projects.

Care must be taken to review specific local market conditions within the anticipated time frame of a project's development period before establishing and committing viable budgets for projects.

In the event that projects are required to be constructed in remote locations or in areas without urban infrastructure, then special consideration must be given to the budget structure of these projects. Each project must be considered in detail and its specific resource requirements assessed and sourced to establish budget costs.

RLB recommend that advice on local market conditions be sought from our regional offices when initial project budgets and feasibility studies are in the process of establishment. Our regional offices are identified on page 57.

BENCHMARKS KEY CITY RELATIVITIES – Q4 2025

RLB's Key City Relativity Matrix highlights the cost relativity between key Australian cities. The Relativity Matrix compares the general cost of building between cities. Each column represents a base city indexed to 100 with other city's relativities re-indexed to that base city.

In order to calculate the relativity between different cities, the difference can be calculated using the following formula:

where:

$$Ccc = Bcc \times \left(\frac{Cr}{Cb}\right)^{-1}$$

CCC = COMPARED CITY COST
BCC = BASE CITY COST
CR = RELATIVITY OF COMPARED CITY
CB = RELATIVITY OF BASE CITY

For example, when comparing costs between Sydney (base city) and Perth (compared city), Sydney building costs are generally 10% more than Perth i.e. (100/91) and Perth is 9% cheaper than Sydney i.e. (100/109).

If the tendered price of a building in Sydney was $1,000,000, the equivalent cost in Perth would be $910,000 i.e. (1,000,000 x $(100/91)^{-1}$ and conversely a $1,000,000 building in Perth would cost $1,090,000 in Sydney, i.e. 1,000,000 x $(100/109)^{-1}$

ADELAIDE 100		BRISBANE 100		CANBERRA 100		DARWIN 100		GOLD COAST 100	
BNE	115	ADE	87	ADE	104	ADE	105	ADE	88
CAN	97	CAN	84	BNE	119	BNE	121	BNE	101
DAR	96	DAR	83	DAR	99	CAN	101	CAN	85
GC	113	GC	99	GC	118	GC	119	DAR	84
MEL	102	MEL	88	MEL	105	MEL	106	MEL	90
PER	102	PER	89	PER	106	PER	107	PER	90
SYD	111	SYD	97	SYD	115	SYD	116	SYD	98
TVE	124	TVE	107	TVE	128	TVE	129	TVE	109

MELBOURNE 100		PERTH 100		SYDNEY 100		TOWNSVILLE 100	
ADE	98	ADE	98	ADE	90	ADE	81
BNE	113	BNE	113	BNE	103	BNE	93
CAN	95	CAN	95	CAN	87	CAN	78
DAR	94	DAR	94	DAR	86	DAR	77
GC	112	GC	111	GC	102	GC	92
PER	100	MEL	100	MEL	91	MEL	82
SYD	109	SYD	109	PER	92	PER	83
TVE	121	TVE	121	TVE	111	SYD	90

BENCHMARKS OFFICE BUILDING EFFICIENCIES

The efficiency of an office building is expressed as a percentage of the Net Lettable Area (NLA) to the Gross Floor Area (GFA). The table below indicates that relationship to the GFA of the whole building both with car parks and basements included and excluded, that could be expected for an average project in the nominated category. Also shown is the average net to gross efficiency of the office floors only in each of the eight building types listed below.

TYPE OF CBD OFFICE BUILDING	EFFICIENCY		
	BASEMENTS AND CAR PARKS		
	INCLUDED %	EXCLUDED %	OFFICE FLOORS %
PRESTIGE			
10 TO 25 STOREYS	63–68	75–80	85–90
25 TO 40 STOREYS	58–63	70–75	80–85
40 TO 55 STOREYS	53–58	68–73	75–80
INVESTMENT			
UP TO 10 STOREYS	69–74	81–85	86–91
10 TO 25 STOREYS	64–69	76–81	81–86
25 TO 40 STOREYS	59–64	71–76	76–81
INVESTMENT, OTHER THAN			
UP TO 10 STOREYS	70–75	82–86	87–92
10 TO 25 STOREYS	65–70	77–82	82–87

REINFORCEMENT RATIOS

The following ratios give an indication of the average weight of reinforcement per cubic metre of concrete for the listed elements. Differing structural systems and sizes of individual elements and grid sizes will cause considerable variation to the stated ratios. For project specific ratios a structural engineer should be consulted.

	AVE KG/M³		AVE KG/M³
STRIP FOOTINGS	50	STRAP BEAMS	120
COLUMN BASES	40	SLAB ON GROUND	40
PILE CAPS	50	SUSPENDED SLABS 100–150 MM ONE AND TWO WAY	90
BORED PIER	90	250 MM FLAT PLATE	120
RAFT FOUNDATION	70	250 MM WAFFLE	160
PEDESTAL & STUB COLUMNS	240	COLUMNS	240
RETAINING WALLS			
1–2 STOREY	70	BEAMS	170
2–3 STOREY	120		
GROUND BEAMS	120	WALLS (CORE)	140
		STAIRS	80

PLANT ROOM SPACE

Generally plant room space represents 6–11% of the GFA of a multi-storey office building.

BENCHMARKS LABOUR AND MATERIALS TRADE RATIOS

The following represents the ratio of on-site labour to material for various trades and sub-trades based upon our own survey.

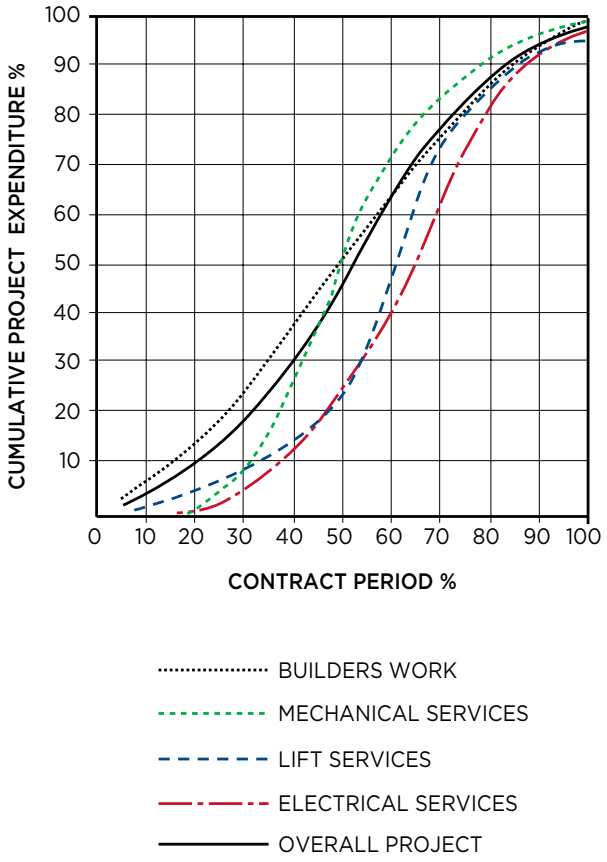
The figures are relevant to all works constructed by traditional methods; variations to these methods will change the ratios, i.e. on-site fabrication of items traditionally factory fabricated such as joinery fittings, metalwork items, etc.

PRELIMINARIES	40	10	50
DEMOLISHER	85		15
EXCAVATOR	32	15	53
PILER	20	50	30
IN SITU CONCRETOR	25	75	
FORMWORKER	70		30
REINFORCEMENT FIXER	20	80	
PRECAST CONCRETOR	20	80	
BRICKLAYER & BLOCKLAYER	50	50	
MASON	10	90	
ASPHALTOR	40	60	
STRUCTURAL STEELWORK	60	40	
METALWORKER	20	80	
SUSPENDED CEILING FIXER	40	60	
CARPENTER	45	55	
JOINER	15	85	
STEEL DECK ROOFER	40	60	
BITUMINOUS BUILT UP ROOFER	30	70	
PIPEWORK PLUMBER	60	40	
FITTING PLUMBER	25	75	
DRAINER	65		35
PLASTERER	80		20
PLASTERBOARD & FIB. PLASTER FIXER	40	60	
CERAMIC TILER	55		45
VINYL TILER	45	55	
IN SITU PAVIOR	75		25
GLAZIER	20	80	
PAINTER	75		25
CARPET LAYER	10	90	
ROADWORKER & EXTERNAL PAVIOR	15	85	
AIR CONDITIONING SPECIALIST	35	65	
LIFT INSTALLER	25	75	
ELECTRICAL SPECIALIST	40	60	
WATER FIRE SERVICE SPECIALIST	44	56	

LABOUR MATERIAL FIXED FACTOR

BENCHMARKS PROGRESS PAYMENT CLAIMS

Average rate of claims expenditure on construction projects **from $4,000,000 to $34,000,000** and/or greater than one year but less than two years construction period to practical completion are depicted in the following graph.



BENCHMARKS COMMON INDUSTRY ACRONYMS

PROJECT MANAGEMENT

AA	Architects Advice
ABIC	Australian Building Industry Contracts
AI	Architects Instruction
AIA	Australian Institute of Architects
BCA	Building Code of Australia
BOQ	Bill of Quantities
BP	Building Permit
BS	Building Surveyor
CA	Contract Administration
CAN	Consultants Advice Notice
DA	Development Application
DD	Design Development
DWG	Drawing (also an Autocad file format)
EBD	Evidence Based Design
ESD	Environmentally Sustainable Design
PI	Professional Indemnity (Insurance)
PM	Project Manager
QS	Quantity Surveyor
RCP	Reflected Ceiling Plan
RFI	Request for Information
SD	Schematic Design

ARCHITECTURAL DRAWINGS

ABS	Acrylonitrile Butadiene Styrene (Edging)
AS	Australian Standards
COL	Column
CTS	Centres (Spacing)
DP	Downpipe
ENS	Ensuite
EX	Existing
FC	Fibre Cement (Sheet)
FCL	Finished Ceiling Level
FFL	Finished Floor Level
FR	Fire Rated
GFA	Gross Floor Area
HMR	Highly Moisture Resistant (Particleboard)
KDHW	Kiln Dried Hardwood
MDF	Medium Density Fibreboard
PB	Plasterboard
RL	Relative Level
SS	Stainless Steel
TYP	Typical
VOC	Volatile Organic Compound
WC	Water Closet (Toilet)

LAND SURVEYS

AHD	Australian Height Datum
AMG	Australian Mapping Grid
DP	Downpipe
IL	Invert Level
U/G	Underground
RL	Relative Level

STRUCTURAL DRAWINGS

CFW	Continuous Fillet Weld
CHS	Cylindrical Hollow Section
CJ	Construction Joint
EA	Equal Angle
PFC	Parallel Flange Channel
RB	Roof Beam
RHS	Rectangular Hollow Section
SB	Sill Beam
SHS	Square Hollow Section
TB	Tie Beam
UA	Unequal Angle
UB	Universal Beam
UC	Universal Column
WT	Wall Tie

HYDRAULIC DRAWINGS

DCW	Domestic Cold Water
DHW	Domestic Hot Water
FH	Fire Hydrant
FHR	Fire Hose Reel
FIP	Fire Indicator Panel
FS	Fire Service
FW	Floorwaste
HWS	Hot Water System
TD	Tundish
TMV	Thermostatic Mixing Valve
UPVC	Unplasticated Polyvinyl Chloride (Pipework)
VP	Vent Pipe

MECHANICAL DRAWINGS

A/C	Air Conditioning
A/P	Access Panel
ACU	Air Conditioning Unit
AHU	Air Handling Unit
CU	Condensing Unit
FCU	Fan Coil Unit
FD	Fire Damper
R/A	Return Air
S/A	Supply Air
SD	Smoke Damper

ELECTRICAL DRAWINGS

DB	Distribution Board
DGPO	Double General Power Outlet
GPO	General Power Outlet
MSB	Main Switchboard
RCD	Residual Current Device
SB	Switchboard

BENCHMARKS METHOD OF MEASUREMENT OF BUILDING AREAS

The rules for measurement of building areas are defined by the Australian Institute of Quantity Surveyors and the Australian Institute of Architects.

The definitions are as follows: Unit of measurement: square metres (M^2).

GROSS FLOOR AREA (GFA)

The sum of the "Fully Enclosed Covered Area" and "Unenclosed Covered Area" as defined.

FULLY ENCLOSED COVERED AREA (FECA)

The sum of all such areas at all building floor levels, including basements (except unexcavated portions), floored roof spaces and attics, garages, penthouses, enclosed porches and attached enclosed covered ways alongside buildings, equipment rooms, lift shafts, vertical ducts, staircases and any other fully enclosed spaces and usable areas of the building, computed by measuring from the normal inside face of exterior walls but ignoring any projections such as plinths, columns, piers and the like which project from the normal inside face of exterior walls. It shall not include open courts, lightwells, connecting or isolated covered ways and net open areas or upper portions of rooms, lobbies, halls, interstitial spaces and the like which extend through the storey being computed.

UNENCLOSED COVERED AREA (UCA)

The sum of all such areas at all building floor levels, including roofed balconies, open verandahs, porches and porticos, attached open covered ways alongside buildings, undercrofts and usable space under buildings, unenclosed access galleries (including ground floor) and any other trafficable covered areas of the building which are not totally enclosed by full height walls, computed by measuring the area between the enclosing walls or balustrade (ie. from the inside face of the UCA excluding the wall or balustrade thickness). When the covering element (ie. roof or upper floor) is supported by columns, is cantilevered or is suspended, or any combination of these, the measurements shall be taken to the edge of the paving or to the edge of the cover, whichever is the lesser. UCA shall not include eaves overhangs, sun shading, awnings and the like where these do not relate to the clearly defined trafficable areas, nor shall it include connecting or isolated covered ways.

BENCHMARKS METHOD OF MEASUREMENT OF BUILDING AREAS

BUILDING AREA (BA)

The total enclosed and unenclosed area of the building at all building floor levels measured between the normal outside face of any enclosing walls, balustrades and supports.

USABLE FLOOR AREA (UFA)

The sum of the floor areas measured at floor level from the general inside face of walls of all interior spaces related to the primary function of the building. This will normally be computed by calculating the "Fully Enclosed Covered Area" (FECA) and deducting all the following areas supplementary to the primary function of the building:

Deductions

(a) Common Use Areas

(b) Service Areas

(c) Non-Habitable Areas

NET LETTABLE AREA (NLA)

Application

Calculating tenancy areas in office buildings and office & business parks.

Definition

3.1 The net lettable area of a building is the sum of its whole floor lettable areas.

3.2 Net Lettable Area – Whole Floors
The whole floor net lettable area is calculated by:

- 3.2.1 taking measurements from the internal finished surfaces of permanent vinternal walls and the internal finished surfaces of dominant portions of the permanent outer building walls
- 3.2.2 included in the lettable area calculation are:
  - 3.2.2.1 window mullions
  - 3.2.2.2 window frames
  - 3.2.2.3 structural columns
  - 3.2.2.4 engaged perimeter columns or piers
  - 3.2.2.5 fire hose reels attached to walls
  - 3.2.2.6 additional facilities specially constructed for or used by individual tenants that are not covered in section 3.2.3
- 3.2.3 excluded from the lettable area of each tenancy are:
  - 3.2.3.1 stairs, accessways, fire stairs, toilets, recessed doorways, cupboards, telecommunication cupboards, fire hose reel cupboards, lift shafts, escalators, smoke lobbies, plant/motor rooms, tea rooms and other service areas, where all are provided as standard facilities in the building
  - 3.2.3.2 lift lobbies where lifts face other lifts, blank walls or areas listed in section 3.2.3.1 above
  - 3.2.3.3 areas set aside for the provision of all services, such as electrical or telephone ducts and air conditioning risers to the floor, where such facilities are standard facilities in the building
  - 3.2.3.4 area dedicated as public spaces or thoroughfares such as foyers, atria and accessways in lift and building service areas
  - 3.2.3.5 areas and accessways set aside for use by service vehicles and for delivery of goods, where such areas are not for the exclusive use of occupiers of the floor or building
  - 3.2.3.6 areas and accessways set aside for car parking
  - 3.2.3.7 areas where there is less than 1.5 metre height clearance above floor level – these spaces should be measured and recorded separately

3.3 Net Lettable Area (NLA) - Sub Divided Floors Follow 3.2 but measure to the centre line of inter-tenancy walls or partitions except where the walls or partitions adjoin public areas, such as lobbies and corridors, in which case measure to the line of the dominant portion of their public area faces.

3.4 Treatment of Balconies, Verandahs etc. Balconies, terraces, planter boxes, verandahs, awnings and covered areas should be excluded from tenancy area calculations, but may be separately identified for the purpose of negotiating rentals.

Areas should be measured to the inside face of the enclosing walls or structures. The outer edge of the awning or covered area is the defined edge.

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Through the Rider Levett Bucknall | Life suite of services, we are able to provide meaningful, practical, commercial advice to clients in the delivery of sustainable and economically responsible projects.

The services help building owners understand the life value and expectancy of their buildings' whole life costs and provide options to extend the useful life of buildings and maintain quality.

ASSETS AND FACILITIES SUSTAINABILITY AND QUALITY

Sustainability is concerned with improving the quality of life while living within the carrying capacity of supporting ecosystems. The planning, delivering and managing of our Built Environment requires a balance between environmental, economic and social factors.

The provision of a more productive, sustainable and liveable Built Environment is best considered in collaboration with all the stakeholders, including owners, managers and tenants. This process should include not only the review of sustainability objectives and initiatives, but address functional requirements and whole of life costings along with the implementation of facilities planning and asset management strategies. Rating systems developed to assist with performance benchmarking within Australia include:

Green Star – The Green Building Council of Australia's (GBCA) six star environmental rating system evaluates: communities, design, as-built of buildings, interiors, building performance in terms of energy and water efficiency, indoor environmental quality and resource conservation.

NABERS – National Australian Built Environment Rating
System is a national program managed by the NSW Department of Environment and Heritage. NABERS measures the environmental performance of Australian offices, tenancies, shopping centres, hotels, data centers and homes. There are NABERS tools for energy efficiency, water usage, waste management and indoor environment quality. Additionally, a NABERS Energy rating forms part of the Building Energy Efficiency Certificate (BEEC) requirement under the Commercial Building Disclosure (CBD) program. The CBD Program requires most sellers and lessors of office space of 2,000 M2 or more to have an up-to-date Building Energy Efficiency Certificate (BEEC).

IS – The Infrastructure Sustainability Council of Australia's (ISCA) Infrastructure Sustainability (IS) rating scheme. IS is Australia's only comprehensive rating system for evaluating sustainability across design, construction and operation of infrastructure. IS evaluates the sustainability (including environmental, social, economic and governance aspects) of infrastructure projects and assets including transport, energy, water and communications sectors.

Quality – Property Council of Australia's (PCA) "a Guide to Office Building Quality" (2006, 2012), provides separate tools for assessing office building quality in new and existing buildings. The tools provide a guide to parameters that typically influence building quality. They offer a voluntary, market-based approach to classifying building characteristics and performance. The 2nd edition of the guide took effect on 1 January 2012 and includes expanded environmental performance criteria for Energy, Water, Waste and Indoor Environment. Additionally, the Building Management criteria was expanded to include Level of Service, Energy and Water Sub-Metering and Life Cycle/Maintenance Plan requirements.

RLB have staff accredited in the use of Green Star, NABERS, along with access to LEED, BREEAM, GreenMark and other international standards.

RLB also provides Building Quality Assessment (BQA) services for PCA Quality gradings.

ASSETS AND FACILITIES MANAGEMENT STANDARDS

Since late 2012 Standards Australia, supported by FMA Australia, PCA, RICS, SBEnrc, TEFMA and other industry bodies, have been involved with the ISO's international Facilities Management (FM) standards initiative.

ISO 41001:2018 specifies the requirements for a facility management (FM) system when an organization:

a) needs to demonstrate effective and efficient delivery of FM that supports the objectives of the demand organization

b) aims to consistently meet the needs of interested parties and applicable requirements

c) aims to be sustainable in a globally-competitive environment

The requirements specified in ISO 41001:2018 are non-sector specific and intended to be applicable to all organizations, or parts thereof, whether public or private sector, and regardless of the type, size and nature of the organization or geographical location.

Separately, there was the release in 2014 of the ISO 55000 series for Asset Management (AM). ISO 55000 specifies the requirements for the establishment, implementation, maintenance and improvement of a management system for asset management, referred to as an "asset management system" for those wishing to:

- improve the realisation of value for their organization from their asset base
- be involved in the establishment, implementation, maintenance and improvement of an asset management system
- be involved in the planning, design, implementation and review of asset management activities along with service providers

Meanwhile, FMA Australia's local efforts include "An Operational Guide to Sustainable Facilities Management" (2010) – a practical document that provides technical guidance in achieving a more sustainable FM approach in an Australian context.

RLB can provide strategic advisory and technical support across the latest in AM and FM practices.

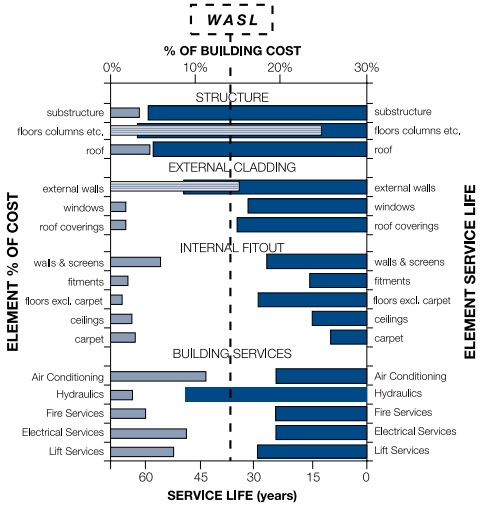
ASSETS AND FACILITIES USEFUL LIFE ANALYSIS

LIFE CYCLE ANALYSIS

Life Cycle Studies recognise that every 'whole' asset consists of many component parts, each with its own life expectancy, interrelationships, resulting quality and maintenance issues. However, in addition to physical obsolescence, useful life expectancy is also dependent on the influence of economic, functional, technological, social and legal obsolescence.

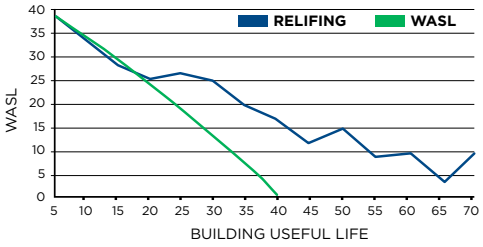
WEIGHTED AVERAGE SERVICE LIFE

Weighted Average Service Life (WASL) is a methodology used to determine the "Useful Life" of an asset. For buildings the WASL is the collective result of applying service life criteria to each element of a cost analysis; excluding capital recurrent expenditure other than routine maintenance.



RELIFING

RElifing takes the "WASL" a stage further by considering the effect of capital upgrades, refurbishments, replacement of plant, architectural fabric and finishes. Below is a graphical representation of a RElifing profile for a typical office building, compared to the base WASL. RElifing analysis is useful for developers, owners and occupiers in financial planning, calculating depreciation and in the negotiation of long term property costs.



ASSETS AND FACILITIES OUTGOINGS

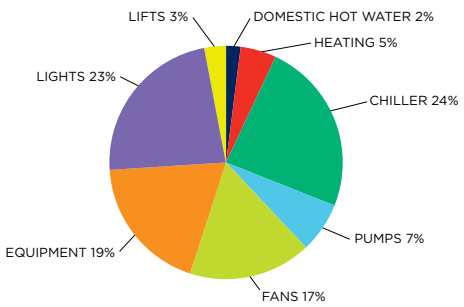
Outgoings are the costs required to operate a property that are generally recoverable by a Landlord from the tenants. The recovery of outgoings is usually calculated by a sharing of costs amongst tenants relative to their leasehold interest. They generally cover the recurrent costs for the delivery of services, maintenance, power and statutory and management costs.

The level of recovery of outgoings is normally governed and regulated by leases and other agreements with tenants.

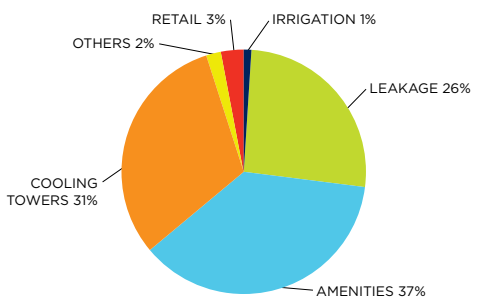
- The cost of outgoings varies depending upon:
- the level of management and services provided
- lease agreements
- quality, type and efficiency of the building
- location and statutory regimes applicable

The following graphs highlight typical component usage of both energy and water consumption for office buildings.

TYPICAL OFFICE ENERGY USAGE



TYPICAL OFFICE WATER USAGE



ASSETS AND FACILITIES ESSENTIAL SAFETY MEASURES

The following table provides a brief overview of building owners' responsibilities with regard to certifying the annual maintenance of essential safety systems and measures within commercial buildings.

	VIC	QLD	NSW	SA	TAS	ACT	WA	NT
IS MAINTENANCE OF ESSENTIAL SAFETY MEASURES REQUIRED BY LEGISLATION (OTHER THAN BCA)?	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓
IS THERE A PRESCRIBED FORM OF CERTIFICATE?	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗
CERTIFICATE REQUIRED TO BE DISPLAYED	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	NA	NA	NA
CERTIFICATE REQUIRED TO BE FORWARDED TO AN AUTHORITY	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	NA	NA	NA
CAN FINES BE IMPOSED IF MAINTENANCE IS NOT CARRIED OUT?	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	NA	✓

The relevant legislation governing the essential safety measures by state are:

ACT ACT Emergencies Act 2004

NSW Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulations 2000

QLD Queensland Fire and Emergency Services Act 1990 & Fire and Rescue Service Amendment Act 2006

SA SA Development Act 1993 & Minister's Specifications SA 76

TAS Fire Services Act 1979 & General Fire Regulations 2010

VIC Building Regulations 2006 Part 12 Building Regulations 2018 Part 15

WA Building Regulations 2012 & Building Amendment Regulations 2014

NT Northern Territory Fire and Emergency Regulations

Note:
The above is a brief guide only. Other state or national legislation and laws may also be relevant. It is recommended that all property owners consult a building surveyor regarding responsibilities associated with maintenance of essential measures within their buildings.

ASSETS AND FACILITIES CAPITAL ALLOWANCES (TAX DEPRECIATION)

The Australian Taxation Office (ATO) allows a tax deduction for the recovery of the cost of assets used in a business or for the production of income. The Income Tax Assessment Act (ITAA) allows two types of allowances for assets:

Division 40 – Depreciating Assets

Assets with a limited effective life that are reasonably expected to decline in value. The decline in value is based on the cost and effective life of the depreciating asset, not its actual change in value. Examples of these are carpet, air conditioning plant, lights etc.

Division 43 – Capital Allowances

Capital allowances are the building allowance and structural improvement deductions that are available for buildings. Depreciating rates are either 2.5% or 4% dependent on the use of the building and construction commencement date.

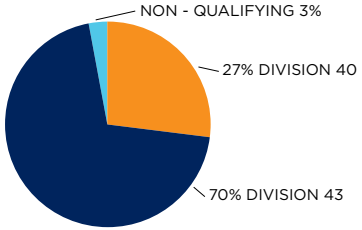
The ATO issued the latest effective life review of assets under TR2022/1 which came into effect on the 1st July 2022.

The following broad principles outline the rates of depreciation deductions relative to income producing assets under ITAA 1997 (Division 40 & 43).

- The effective life and hence the rate of depreciation of an item of plant can be self-assessed by the taxpayer
- Depreciating Assets (Division 40) are subject to a balancing adjustment on disposal. Capital works deductions (Division 43) are subject to Capital Gains Tax on disposal
- Low value pool option for assets less than $1,000 in value depreciated at 18.75% in the first year and 37.50% in subsequent years

The Diminishing Value rate is currently 200% of Prime Cost rate (excluding low value pool), with the effect of accelerating the tax write off in earlier years of the asset's life

TOTAL ALLOWANCES ($)



Typical percentage apportionment of depreciation allowances based on new $300m Commercial Office Tower including fitout with 6 Star Green Star certification.

RLB employs qualified staff, who are registered with the Tax Practitioners Board under the Tax Agent Services Act 2009, for the preparation of Capital Allowance Reports.

SCHEDULE OF ASSETS	PRIME COST %	DIMINISHING VALUE %
THE FOLLOWING LIST GIVES A SAMPLE OF ELIGIBLE DEPRECIATING ASSETS.		
OFFICE BUILDING		
HOT WATER INSTALLATIONS	6.667	13.333
MULTI TYPE FIRE DETECTION SYSTEMS	4–16.67	8–33.33
CENTRAL AIR CONDITIONING (VARIOUS RATES APPLY TO EQUIPMENT COMPONENTS)	4–10	8–20
ROOM AIR CONDITIONING	10	20
PACKAGED AIR CONDITIONING	6.667	13.333
ELECTRIC HAND DRYERS	10	20
DEMOUNTABLE PARTITIONS	5	10
SECURITY SYSTEMS	14.286–50	28.572–100
LIGHTING PLANT	10	20
VINYL FLOORING	10	20
CARPET	12.5	25
WINDOW BLINDS	5	10
OFFICE FURNITURE, FREESTANDING	4–10	8–20
ESCALATORS	5	10
LIFTS, ELEVATORS & HOISTS	3.333	6.667
SIGNAGE FOR BUSINESS IDENTIFICATION	10	20
HOTELS, MOTELS		
CARPETS	14.286	28.572
WINDOW BLINDS AND CURTAINS	16.667	33.333
FURNITURE AND FITTINGS (FREE STANDING)	14.286–20	28.572–40
HOT WATER SYSTEMS	10	20
BEDS AND BEDDING	14.286–50	28.572–100
SHOPPING CENTRES		
Generally, the list for office buildings will apply with the following additions:		
FLOATING TIMBER FLOORS	10	20
FURNITURE, FREESTANDING	10	20
INDUSTRIAL		
Generally, the list for office buildings will apply with the following additions:		
CRANES	5	10
GANTRIES	3	6
DOCK LEVELLERS	5	10
ROLLER SHUTTER ELECTRIC MOTORS	5	10
RESIDENTIAL		
Only for assets continuously owned prior to 10/05/17 or new assets (not used) purchased from 10/05/17.		
FLOOR COVERINGS:		
CARPET	10	20
FLOATING TIMBER	6.667	13.333
Hot Water Systems (excluding piping):		
ELECTRIC AND GAS	8.333	16.667
SOLAR	6.667	13.333
Miscellaneous:		
INTERCOM SYSTEM ASSETS	10	20
WINDOW BLINDS	10	20
ROOM AIR CONDITIONING	10	20
Kitchen Assets:		
COOKTOPS, OVENS, RANGEHOODS	8.333	16.667
DISHWASHERS, WASHING MACHINES, CLOTHES DRYERS	10	20

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CALENDARS 2026 ROSTERED DAYS OFF

	ADELAIDE	BRISBANE & DARWIN	CANBERRA	MELBOURNE	PERTH	SYDNEY
HOURS BASIS	36	36	36	36	36	36
JAN	TUESDAY 27	FRIDAY 2	FRIDAY 2	MONDAY 12	FRIDAY 2	FRIDAY 2
	WEDNESDAY 28	TUESDAY 27	FRIDAY 23	TUESDAY 27	TUESDAY 27	TUESDAY 27
FEB	MONDAY 9	MONDAY 16	MONDAY 9	MONDAY 9	MONDAY 9	MONDAY 9
	MONDAY 23		MONDAY 23	MONDAY 23		MONDAY 23
MAR	TUESDAY 10	MONDAY 16	FRIDAY 6	TUESDAY 10	TUESDAY 3	MONDAY 9
	WEDNESDAY 11		MONDAY 23	MONDAY 23		MONDAY 23
	THURSDAY 23					
APR	MONDAY 6	TUESDAY 7	TUESDAY 7	TUESDAY 7	TUESDAY 7	TUESDAY 7
	TUESDAY 21	WEDNESDAY 8	WEDNESDAY 8	WEDNESDAY 8	TUESDAY 28	MONDAY 27
	WEDNESDAY 22	THURSDAY 9	FRIDAY 24	TUESDAY 28		
	THURSDAY 23	FRIDAY 10				
MAY	MONDAY 11	MONDAY 11	MONDAY 4	MONDAY 11	MONDAY 11	MONDAY 4
	MONDAY 25		FRIDAY 29	MONDAY 25		MONDAY 18
JUNE	TUESDAY 9	MONDAY 8	FRIDAY 5	TUESDAY 9	TUESDAY 2	TUESDAY 9
	WEDNESDAY 10		MONDAY 22	MONDAY 22		MONDAY 29
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JUL	MONDAY 6	MONDAY 6	MONDAY 13	MONDAY 6	MONDAY 6	MONDAY 13
	MONDAY 20		MONDAY 27	MONDAY 20		MONDAY 27
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	MONDAY 17	TUESDAY 11	MONDAY 24	MONDAY 17		MONDAY 24
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SEP	MONDAY 14	MONDAY 21	MONDAY 7	MONDAY 14	TUESDAY 29	MONDAY 7
	MONDAY 28		MONDAY 28	MONDAY 28		MONDAY 21
OCT	TUESDAY 6	TUESDAY 6	FRIDAY 2	MONDAY 12	MONDAY 26	TUESDAY 6
	WEDNESDAY 7		MONDAY 19	MONDAY 26		MONDAY 19
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NOV	MONDAY 2	MONDAY 2	MONDAY 2	MONDAY 2		MONDAY 9
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	MONDAY 30	WEDNESDAY 4		MONDAY 16		
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		WEDNESDAY 23			TUESDAY 29	THURSDAY 31
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TOTAL	*Anticipated dates, yet to be ratified.* 26	26	26	26	18 FIXED & 8 VARIABLE	26

CALENDARS PUBLIC HOLIDAYS IN AUSTRALIA

ALL STATES	2026	2027	2028
NEW YEARS DAY	1 JAN	1 JAN	1 JAN
AUSTRALIA DAY	26 JAN	26 JAN	26 JAN
GOOD FRIDAY	3 APR	26 MAR	14 APR
EASTER MONDAY	6 APR	29 MAR	17 APR
ANZAC DAY	25 APR	25 APR	25 APR
KINGS BIRTHDAY (EXC QLD & WA)	8 JUN	14 JUN	12 JUN
CHRISTMAS DAY	25 DEC	25 DEC	25 DEC
BOXING DAY	26 DEC	26 DEC	26 DEC
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY			
CANBERRA DAY	9 MAR	8 MAR	13 MAR
EASTER SATURDAY	4 APR	27 MAR	15 APR
EASTER SUNDAY	5 APR	28 MAR	16 APR
RECONCILIATION DAY	1 JUN	31 MAY	29 MAY
BANK HOLIDAY	3 AUG	2 AUG	7 AUG
LABOUR DAY	5 OCT	4 OCT	2 OCT
NEW SOUTH WALES			
EASTER SATURDAY	4 APR	27 MAR	15 APR
EASTER SUNDAY	5 APR	28 MAR	16 APR
BANK HOLIDAY	3 AUG	2 AUG	7 AUG
LABOUR DAY	5 OCT	4 OCT	2 OCT
NORTHERN TERRITORY			
EASTER SATURDAY	4 APR	27 MAR	15 APR
MAY DAY	4 MAY	3 MAY	1 MAY
PICNIC DAY	3 AUG	2 AUG	7 AUG
CHRISTMAS EVE (7PM 12AM)	24 DEC	24 DEC	24 DEC
NEW YEAR'S EVE (7PM 12AM)	31 DEC	31 DEC	31 DEC
QUEENSLAND			
EASTER SATURDAY	4 APR	27 MAR	15 APR
LABOUR DAY	4 MAY	3 MAY	1 MAY
ROYAL QUEENSLAND SHOW	12 AUG	11 AUG	16 AUG
KINGS BIRTHDAY	5 OCT	4 OCT	2 OCT
SOUTH AUSTRALIA			
ADELAIDE CUP DAY	9 MAR	8 MAR	13 MAR
EASTER SATURDAY	4 APR	27 MAR	15 APR
LABOUR DAY	5 OCT	4 OCT	2 OCT
CHRISMAS EVE (7PM 12AM)	24 DEC	24 DEC	24 DEC
NEW YEAR'S EVE (7PM 12AM)	31 DEC	31 DEC	31 DEC
TASMANIA			
ROYAL HOBART REGATTA	9 FEB	8 FEB	14 FEB
LAUNCESTON CUP	25 FEB	24 FEB	23 FEB
EIGHT HOURS DAY	9 MAR	8 MAR	13 MAR
EASTER TUESDAY	7 APR	30 MAR	18 APR
LAUNCESTON SHOW	8 OCT	7 OCT	12 OCT
HOBART SHOW	22 OCT	21 OCT	26 OCT
RECREATION DAY (NORTHERN)	2 NOV	1 NOV	6 NOV
VICTORIA			
LABOUR DAY	9 MAR	8 MAR	13 MAR
EASTER SATURDAY	4 APR	27 MAR	15 APR
EASTER SUNDAY	5 APR	28 MAR	16 APR
GRAND FINAL EVE DAY	TBA	TBA	TBA
MELBOURNE CUP DAY	3 NOV	2 NOV	7 NOV
WESTERN AUSTRALIA			
LABOUR DAY	2 MAR	1 MAR	6 MAR
WESTERN AUSTRALIA DAY	1 JUN	7 JUN	5 JUN
KINGS BIRTHDAY	28 SEP	27 SEP	25 SEP

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