

# Federation Square Overview

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Project Evaluation (1.011)

## 1997 International Design Competition for redevelopment of Melbourne Waterfront

- ③ London-based Lab architecture studio
- ③ Melbourne-based Bates Smart

Finance for project from State of Victoria (lead), City of Melbourne, Commonwealth Government, and private investors

③ Initial Cost Estimate (1997) : 128 million Australian dollars

③ Actual Final Costs (2002): 450 million Australian dollars

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## Major Project Components:

Deck, Square, Atrium / Labyrinth Climate Control System, Buildings

## Major Issues:

- ⊕ Highly ambitious project (create useable space over rail yard, international prestige for Melbourne, highlight sustainable design, etc.)
- ⊕ Controversial process (many political battles, delays, cost increases, etc.)

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### Site Details:

-between Yarra River and  
Melbourne's Central  
Business District

-3.6 hectares

- deck constructed over  
operational commuter rail  
yard

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**-Federation Square Site:** <http://www.federationsquare.com.au/>

**-Lab Architecture Studio site:**

**-The Age news site (Victoria newspaper)** (various links to specific articles)

**-Sydney Morning Herald news site** (various links to specific articles)

**-2002 Architecture Biennale de Venezia site:**

**-State of Victoria site (Government Projects Page)**

<http://www.mpv.vic.gov.au/web3/majorproj.nsf/allDocs/RWP2FE2BBBDDDF8FC7BCA256C29000BF924?OpenDocument&Expand=3.1.2&>

**-Maddocks Infrastructure and Major Projects Update**

<http://www.maddocks.com.au/download/inf-pro-july-2002.pdf>

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