101 Collins Street

Address
101 Collins Street, Melbourne 3000

Practice
Practice Name Pty Ltd

Designed
1987

Completed
1990

History & Description
101 Collins Street is a 57-storey concrete and granite clad office tower that is based on the model of a post-modern New York skyscraper. The tower is of polished grey granite and articulated by four symmetrical framed glass buttresses projecting from the face of the tower and stepping back to the façade at the upper levels. This project included the restoration and conversion of two existing historic buildings. The five-storey podium that defines the footpath edge on Collins Street is a highly successful aspect of the building, with the tower set back from the Collins Street frontage. The podium relates to the scale of an adjoining development in Collins Street and comprises an abstract composition with a modular frame. Johnson Burgee completed the entry columns and foyer. An office and carpark is located at 114-128 Flinders Street.

References: Goad, P., 2009, Melbourne Architecture, p.217
City of Melbourne Interactive Map, maps.melbourne.vic.gov.au
www.dentoncorkermarshall.com

Looking north-west from Flinders Street, Pinterest

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Statement of Significance

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Level
State

Criteria Applicable
N2 - Significant heritage value in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a particular class or period of design.
N3 - Significant heritage value in establishing a high degree of creative achievement.
N5 - Having a special association with the life or works of an architectural practice of significant importance in our history.