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HASSELL, Herzog and De Meuron win Flinders Street Station Design Competition

The Australian/Swiss design team of HASSELL, Herzog and De Meuron has won the Flinders Street Station Design Competition, Premier Denis Naphine announced today.

"The jury was unanimous in its decision to award first prize to HASSELL, Herzog & De Meuron, describing their design as 'a beautiful and compelling integration of aspects of the original station design, strongly reinforcing its gateway status'," Dr Naphine said.

Dr Naphine added that the Jury Report went on to say that 'the proposal offers tremendous benefits to Victorians, connecting the city to the north with the river and Southbank while, at the same time opening up views and access to the historic administration building.'

"The jury has praised the winning design for its respect for the heritage of the Administration Building while creating new and memorable additions to the station, such as the vaulted train hall, the new gallery and riverside amphitheatre," Mr Naphine said.

"The design was judged to offer the best experience for rail travelers with a layout that was spacious, comfortable and easy to get around.

"The jury also noted how the design retained and adapted many of the station's key heritage elements such as the Administration Building, the ticket kiosk, the Milk Dock and the Banana Alley Vaults to provide for their long-term viable use."

Minister for Major Projects David Hodgett said the jury had felt the design would revitalise Flinders Street as a key city street as well as improve the western end of the site with a new park or plaza around Queen Street.

"The jury particularly liked the design's central plaza, seeing it as an 'important new public space'. With its combination of a market, art gallery, amphitheatre and plaza, the design will make the station a destination in itself rather than solely a journey way point.

"The jury praised the HASSELL, Herzog & De Meuron design for its 'evident sophistication and overall quality' going on to add that it 'could indeed provide a major city changing outcome with benefit for all Victorians'," Mr Hodgett said.

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