

# Legislative Assembly Chamber PROJECT REVIEW

The refurbishment and upgrade works to the Legislative Assembly Chamber for the Parliament of Victoria is an impressive example of a quality refurbishment under strict heritage guidelines. One of the most significant elements was the total reconstruction of the members seating to the original horseshoe configuration of the 1850's. Another major element was the integration of a mechanical sub-floor air conditioning system feeding the chamber with climate controlled air from the vaults below the floor. For the first time since the 1850's the members have controlled heating and cooling in the chamber.

Other works included provision of disable access via a lifting platform to the chamber, significant alterations to the brass balustrades and seating to the public galleries, acoustic and heritage timber panelling and lighting upgrades as well as Internet and data facilities to individual members seating,



COMMERCIAL  
REFURBISHMENT  
FIT-OUT  
HEALTH  
AGED CARE  
EDUCATION  
INSTITUTIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT





With extreme time constraints imposed on the final designing and delivery of the project, Walton was appointed as Construction Managers to tender and vet all construction packages whilst delivering a project of exceptional quality. The project team showed their capacity to drive and control the key areas of cost time and quality as well as the flexibility to liaise with all of the consultants and authorities as existing conditions were uncovered, often requiring appropriate heritage documentation and design accommodation.

**PROJECT ADDRESS**

Parliament of Victoria  
Spring Street, Melbourne

**CLIENT**

Parliament of Victoria

**SECTOR**

Refurbishment

**VALUE**

\$1.8m

**AWARDS**

AIB Professional Excellence Award 2004  
(National Award & Vic Chapter Award)  
MBAV Commercial Building Award \$500,000  
- \$2.5 million 2004

**PROJECT COMPLETION DATE**

February 2003

**PROJECT TEAM****ARCHITECT / INTERIOR DESIGNER**

Architectus

**STRUCTURAL ENGINEER**

SKM

**SERVICES ENGINEER**

SKM (Electrical)  
SKM (Mechanical)  
SKM (Hydraulic)

**CONSULTANT SERVICES**

Slattery Australia (QS)

**BUILDING SURVEYOR**

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