

Warragamba Dam Visitor and Operations Centre (VOC)



lahznimmo architects teamed up with Landscape Architects Spackman + Mossop to form a Joint Venture, LNSM, for the Warragamba Dam Master Plan, Recreation Areas as well as the Visitor and Operations Centre. LNSM were awarded the project after a two stage Expression of Interest followed by a short listed detailed submission. The first part of the commission involved preparing a new master plan for the entire Warragamba Dam site which was required after the major intervention works of the new \$500 million spillway. The second stage involved the preparation of design and documentation for the major components of the Master Plan, including the Visitor Information Centre and Operations Complex (\$7million), the Main Storage Facility (\$2 million) and various ancillary structures, landscape works and roadways. The Visitor Centre and Office Complex is sited at the end of Haviland Park, to take advantage of the spectacular location over looking Warragamba Dam. The Building sits on rock and is sunk down below the level of Haviland Park. This gesture is landscape driven allowing the formal vista through the Park to remain uninterrupted. The descent into the building is via a ramp, which arrives at a partially cantilevered Forecourt with views over the Spillway and Dam. The Complex sets new standards for comfort in the work place environment with the innovative use of light and ventilation slots to introduce natural light and ventilation deep into the floor plan and to reduce both the capital and recurrent cost for mechanical ventilation.

Client:	Sydney Catchment Authority
Country:	Dharug Nation
Location:	Warragamba, NSW
Project Value:	\$ 12 Mil
Completed:	2009
Awards:	2011 AIA NSW Premier's Award

