

Cultural

National Museum of Australia - Canberra, Australia

Client

Department of Communications,
Information Technology and the Arts

Value

A\$155 million

Completion

2001

Assignment

Project management, design and
construction



The National Museum of Australia was constructed on the Acton Peninsula site in Canberra. The Museum's charter is to research Australian history, develop a national collection of historical material, create exhibitions which explore Australian heritage and history, and to make it accessible to all Australians.

The Museum building comprises three main permanent exhibition galleries (4,300m²), a temporary exhibition gallery, (1,000m²) a digital theatre, broadcast facilities, state-of-the-art multimedia displays as well as extensive landscaping, external gardens and an amphitheatre.

Also located on the site is the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) which is an internationally recognised research facility. The building is purpose designed to house AIATSIS, including facilities for their priceless collection of books, manuscripts and films.

Construction work commenced on the project in February 1999 and was completed on time and within the original budget in March 2001. The project was delivered under a Project Alliance arrangement which is the first time this form of contract has been used in the industry in Australia.

Bovis Lend Lease led the alliance partners and the company's role included project management, design and construction of all aspects of the project including the building, exhibitions, landscaping and other facilities.