



CHIEF SECRETARY'S BUILDING

CLIENT	Office of the Governor of NSW NSW Industrial Relations Commission Crown Property Portfolio
LOCATION	121 Macquarie Street, Sydney
BUDGET	\$32 million
COMPLETION	December 2005

Background

The Chief Secretary's Building 1880, is of National and State cultural significance. Designed in the Victorian Classical style, this sandstone building is one of the most significant late 19th century architectural works in Sydney, and embodies two of the most significant projects of colonial architects Barnet and Vernon (later additions). It remains a dominant elements in the Victorian streetscapes of this part of town.

Stone and related conservation work commenced 15 years ago however minor work had not been completed before scaffold had to be removed. The final stages of work involved fixing lead weatherings to the the

Macquarie Street elevation and other repairs. Documentation was funded by the Centenary Stonework Program, and Treasury funded the remainder of the work directly.

Scope of Work

Conservation works undertaken to the Macquarie Street facade in 2004-2005:

- Completion of documentation
- Stone conservation works including replacement balusters, lead weatherings, birdproofing, specialist stone repair of the coat of arms (by others)
- Photographic recording of coat of arms (commenced)