

THE BEST LAID PLANS

When it comes to green-lighting a billion-dollar commercial development, the “starchitect” is king – but it’s the working desk that counts in the end.

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Santos offices, Adelaide, designed by Bligh Voller Nield

FOR FAR TOO LONG THE DEVELOPERS of Australian office buildings have seemingly used architects simply to maximise floor space and provide grandiose flourishes around the front door. Today, though, the best Australian developers are discovering that good design can provide both tangible improvements to their bottom line and, less measurably but with incalculable value, have a positive effect on a company’s image. >

