

Venice Biennale

04 ISLAND PROPOSITION

As part of the Australian Pavilion's exhibition at this year's Venice Biennale, Hobart practice Room 11 designed an innovative sustainable infrastructure system. Called Island Proposition 2100, it sought to imagine the architectural landscape of a rapidly growing Australia in 40 years' time. The eco-focused solution, created with Scott Lloyd and Katrina Stoll, authors of *Infrastructure as Architecture* (Jovis Verlag), suggested a hybrid transportation network connecting Tasmania to Melbourne (see map below) that would harvest solar, wind and tidal energy to transport goods and support urban development.

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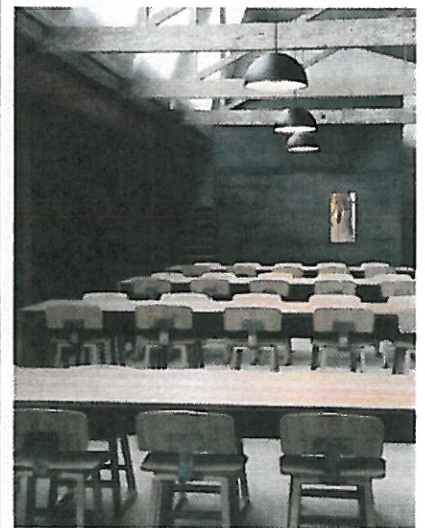
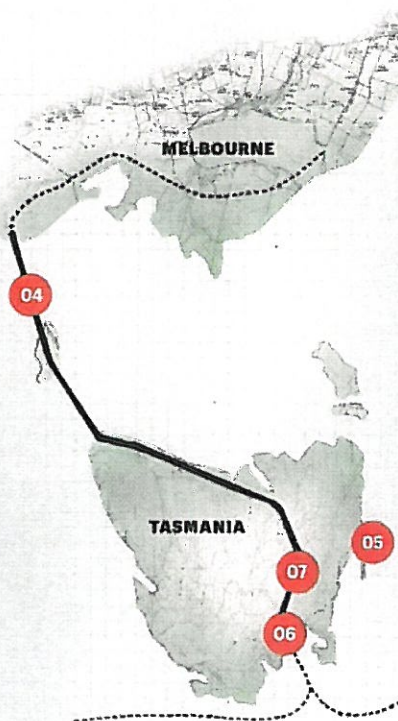
Southern comfort

Tasmania's hot hotels, dining and a grand plan



05 SAFFIRE FREYCINET ▲

With the ocean, beaches and granite outcrops surrounding it, Saffire is located in one of those pristine patches of nature no one expects to find any more. But this is Tasmania, the southernmost point of Australia, and this luxury ecolodge – just 20 suites decked out in midcentury furniture – is two and a half hours' drive from the nearest city. Local architects Morris Nunn + Associates took inspiration from gliding stingrays to create the shape of the main building, while the accommodation wings ripple out like waves. While you're there, take a guided excursion along the beaches and through the national park. Civilisation, be damned. www.saffire-freycinet.com.au



06 GARAGISTES ▲

Chef Luke Burgess, who trained with Tetsuya Wakuda in Sydney and has recently spent time at Noma in Copenhagen, has gutted a former garage in Hobart to create the setting for Garagistes. Along with partners Kirk Richardson and Katrina Birchmeier, Burgess has been hunting down biodynamic wines to serve in the restaurant. 'We wanted to feature small producers that use a path of minimal intervention in their winemaking,' he explains. The food philosophy is similar, with dishes created from organic, regional produce designed to complement the wines. Drop in for a quick snack or sit and graze for hours. www.garagistes.com.au