

Minter Ellison

How do you create interconnecting stairs across the top eight floors of a 40 storey tower?

Buildcorp was engaged as the Managing Contractor to turn the top eight floors of Governor Macquarie Tower into a new home for Minter Ellison's Sydney headquarters.

The project comprised an integrated fit-out and base building upgrade, and the design provided the top tier law firm with the opportunity for a cultural shift within a modern, welcoming and flexible workspace designed to foster collaboration across the Group. The open floors all included a mix of feature ceiling finishes and polished concrete floors.

The client interface spaces are spread over three half floors rather than one client interactive floor. And a new staircase was to provide access from the very top floor to the bottom floor, creating an atrium that is a focal point to the client spaces while providing egress within.

Buildcorp's key challenge was to safely remove 820 tonnes of waste from the top floors of this occupied building and then install 53 tonnes of structural steel for the new staircase and stair supports.

To meet this challenge, over 240m² of concrete and post tension beams were cut and removed in manageable pieces via a goods lift. It took 2,200 lift journeys to remove the waste over eight weeks.

The 53 tonnes of new structural steel was delivered up to the premises in sections to best fit the goods lift, and was then erected to create the eight storey atrium using 17,150 bolts and fixings for stairs and structural support.

Getting Buildcorp involved early in this process enabled us to work collaboratively with the design and delivery team to select the best products, fixings and approach to deliver the project in the tight 24 week time frame. After 209,311 man hours, 62 contractors engaged by Buildcorp and no lost time due to injury, the new Minter Ellison workspace was deemed a huge success and has now been recognised with awards for design and construction delivery.

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A new void for the stairs is cut into each floor

