

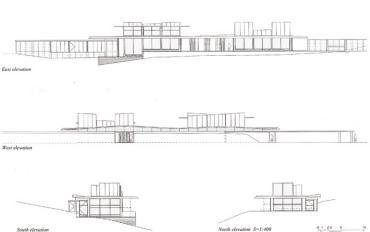


PETER STUTCHBURY

INVISIBLE HOUSE

Blue Mountains, NSW, Australia Design: 2008 Construction: 2009-10

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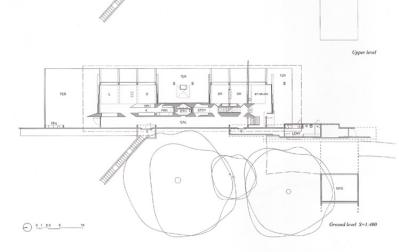


Invisible House is located on the western edge of the eastern mountain range of Australia as it slopes gradually toward the west, the desert. Located as it is, exposure is a constant. Morningday long-afternoon sun; the blistering cold winds both up the valley and across the range and winds from the west across 1000's of kilometres of desert that hit the site like a furnace.

The design of this residence could not ignore the elements.

The building is below the brow of the hill; thus protected-it sits comfortably within the contour; thus inoffensive-it is constructed of materials sympathetic to the area; thus coordinated-it emphasises qualities of horizon and direct light, thus connected.

Arrival at invisible house sees a series of steel boxes sitting on skin of water. One descends,



like a wombat (Australian marsupial animal) into the ground to a small top lit courtyard-big timber doors swing open onto a infinite stone and concrete corridor, top lit and changeableall reflective of light.

Service rooms are located in the thickness of a massive, almost carved internal wall made of pink and white stone-movement through this wall reveals a timeless view over the ancient Megalong Valley.

Bedrooms, courtvards and living all pour out between a clearly delineated structural systemthere exists a sharp but persuasive connection between the rigour of structure against the vastness of landscape.

Finishes are deliberately durable and sympathetic to the qualities of the making in remote places. Statements are bold and descriptive-

large openings in roof for fire smoke, doors that slide outside building to reveal structure, raw steel... rusty, no secondary finishes and a management of space that is direct and variable.

The upper level sits on a perfectly horizontal podium and wrestles with the freedom of sky and horizon-entire bedrooms of timber provide calm and reflective retreats, there exists a roconsultant mantic isolation to the rooms with the sky.

Invisible house investigates the archaicthere are today qualities of living that have become lost to convenience and time-this building ignites the qualities that have existed as living from time ago; there is a Erie mask that permits the visitor to re-discover smell, sight and Total floor area: 425 m2 sound in the comfort of a home. Peter Stutchbury

Architects: Peter Stutchbury Architecture-Peter Stutchbury, principal-in-charge; Emma Neville, Sacha Zehnder, Pietro Chiefta, John Bohane, project team Consultants: Max Irvine, structural; Barry Dean (Electrical Projects Australia), electrical; Jim Olive (JCL Hydraulica), hydraulics; Neil Tatum (Progressive Energy Systems), energy

General contractor: Dimark Construction Structural system: column and suspended slab construction

Major materials: concrete, black steel, glass Site area: 66 000 m2 Built area: 380 m²





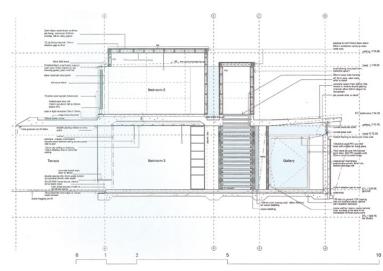
Bathroom on ground level 1階密室

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Bathroom on upper level 2 階浴室



Bedroom 寝室







Terrace: living room on right テラス: 右は居開



Terrace テラス





Fireplace at living room 居岡の暖炉







Gallery: view toward entrance ギャラリー:エントランスを見る











North elevation ≥™



Entrance on south 尚爾玄関







えず戦しい環境に晒されている。朝から午後までー サービス・ルームはピンクと白の石造りの彫刻の と英深い静けさをもたらし、空の見える部屋は隠離 寒風と1,000キロ平米の砂漠を渡る西からの風が敷地 通りぬけると、由緒あるメガロン・パレー越しに時 インビジブル・ハウスは原始的な、利便化と時代

域にある素材で施工しているため周囲とも調和し、 仕上げは耐久性に配慮し、遠隔地での作業に適し

と水平線に対峙する。寝室はすべて木で、落ち着き

された構造システムに流れ込むように配される― 面」は、訪れた人が心地良い住まいに嗅覚、視覚、





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West view With 1