

Auditing, Dismantling, Rebuilding

What the Reincarnated McMansion Will Look Like

- The reconfigured homes will be designed in response to the client's brief. As such, at this proposal stage of the project we can only identify broad strategies:
- Environmentally integrated design
- Architect designed buildings
- Landscaped site: all parts of the landscape will have a function.. heating / cooling creating a microclimate, treatment of grey water and food production
- Hand crafted
- Reduced building footprint(s) and volumes.
- Play on internal and external spaces giving volume, fresh air and natural light to lived areas
- Introduction of some recycled ESD equipment and materials such as solar panels
- New building constructed with 'Design for Deconstruction' philosophy (future adapt ability). So theoretically in 15yrs someone else could come along and reconfigure the Reincarnated McMansion with minimum waste and energy consumption.

It is important to keep in mind that a degree of aesthetic and cultural continuity is built into the structure of the project; we propose to reuse the same bricks, tiles, windows, etc, in the newly reconfigured houses. As such the project's history, the memory of the materials, their association with brick veneer homes and suburbia will be clearly referenced in the new buildings.

As such, the proposed interventions will be at once clearly different and architect designed homes, follow best practice sustainable strategies such passive ventilation and heating, but will also have a degree cultural homogeneity with the surrounding homes and neighbourhood.

