

## Stage 2. The Design Concept

A design concept is a great way to kick-start a building project. In this stage, an architect produces a creative design that explores a range of renovation possibilities. A concept design might include sketches, suggestions, cost estimates and also address the effects of local planning guidelines and building regulations. Most architects work with any particular building style and show care and sensitivity to circumstances, lifestyle and budget.

A well-considered design concept should include:

- A sketch of the existing floor plan and a carefully-considered design concept, perhaps with some alternative ideas.
- Clear directions on how to undertake the project.
- An opinion of the probable cost of the building work.
- Recommendations on the best way to get your project built.

Archicentre can help you put a design concept together. We call it the Renovation Report. Most importantly, our architects can cater for short, medium and long-term needs with a staged plan. The key is planning and affordability. A feature of our Renovation service is the Master Plan. Based on your individual lifestyle needs, an architect can help you control costs and complete your home renovation in a series of affordable steps.

## The Archicentre Master Plan

**Step 1: Turning your House into a Home**

**Step 2: Designing your Dream**

**Step 3: The Small Renovation**

**Step 4: The Big Renovation**

**Step 5: The Finishing Touch**

## A step-by-step guide to home renovation

Archicentre provides an affordable introduction to architectural design through our Renovation and New Home Design Reports introduction. For more information, go to <http://www.archicentre.com.au/html/downloads.html> and download the Master Plan document.



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