

509 Spencer Street



West Melbourne, Victoria
\$1.1m, 2008-11

This multi-residential project sits just north of central Melbourne adds three compact urban dwellings onto the rear of heritage shop and house on Spencer Street. A fourth dwelling is placed on the first floor of the existing house, with a renovated ground floor tenancy onto the busy street. New access to dwellings is via the existing rear lane and open undercroft. Carparking is not provided for the new dwellings, with extensive bike storage provided instead. The form of the new building is shaped to rescale the floating mass of the object. Red is used for coloured to provide both presence and to stitch the scheme into the context of red brick that dominates the rear of main street shops.