

space on a scale seldom seen in Sydney. Sydney has some grand urban parks, notably Hyde Park; however, besides Martin Place and the Pitt Street Mall, Sydney has few urban plazas. It should be noted, however, that there are new squares and parks being made in the city, driven by the development rush of the Olympics – notably, Chifley Square, Railway Square, and Cook and Phillip Park. The Circular Quay proposal would extend the newly refurbished Customs Square, creating a major ceremonial space in the city, and extend the potential of the Opera House, the Museum of Contemporary Art, the art cinemas in the New East Circular Quay building, and various art and craft galleries within the Customs House. In addition, the new Cinamatheque and Museum of Australian Architecture within the Museum of Contemporary Art will substantially reinforce this idea. In some respects the idea for a Cultural Quay would serve Sydney in the same way that the South Bank serves London.



2.14 Customs House Square, Sydney.