“Pitching leading innovative minds together in a facilitated, design-led environment seeking propositions on pathways to future growth, change and opportunity”.

‘State of Design’ Victoria’s Design Festival Design Laboratory 2009, a Victorian State Government Initiative:

The 2040 City design studio will speculate on how rapidly changing conditions and drivers will generate new interfaces for the city of the future.

2040 City design studio will explore emerging opportunities and necessities in the areas of built environment. The design studio will be a think tank for new ideas and solutions to the vision of the built environment.

We will explore a networked environment enabled with the capacity to generate scenario plans about the long-term future of built systems. This will include examining convergent issues that will define and articulate key design led solutions needed to enable a highly mobile, efficient and sustainable living environment for a rapidly changing population demographic in the city of Melbourne in 2040.

The design studio will collaborate with the City of Melbourne, Arup consultants and the Architecture and Interior design programs in the School of Architecture and Design. We will join forces to consider possible futures.

At the conclusion of the studio the outcomes will be presented to a group which includes Universities in Victoria, our collaborators, national and international practitioners, other students and academics; this will occur at one communal gathering. Information from the design studio will be captured, documented and broadcast as an ongoing resource and stimulus. Students will then have the option to participate in a three day workshop. Students will be leading the workshop and will have a number of international practitioners that they work closely with to develop a coherent plan for the future.

The design studio will focus on the following system: Built Systems 2040: (Precincts, Density, Architecture, Landscape, Spatial Environment)

Site: Boomerang precinct (the sporting venues precinct eg mcg, tennis centre, Olympic park etc.) The area along the Yarra River from Flinders street station to Richmond which

Collaborators: Arup, City of Melbourne, RMIT School of design architecture and interior design program

Key Dates for the intensive Design studio: 1. Week 06 until the end of Week 10 (all day on Mondays and Fridays) 2. State of Design forum and workshop 21st + 22nd + 24th of July 2008

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