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## **UTAS furniture design building wins Tasmanian architecture awards**

The University of Tasmania's furniture design building at Inveresk is in line for a national architecture award in October after the Tasmanian chapter of the Australian Institute of Architects Awards on Saturday.

The building, designed by architects Six Degrees and Sustainable Built Environments, won the Sustainability Award and was one of three Tasmanian buildings to gain a Public Architecture Award.

Commenting on the building the jury wrote that the furniture design building "seamlessly incorporates simple sustainable design techniques into an architectural expression that is appropriate not only to the industrial nature of the site but also the pragmatic requirements of the newly-established furniture school.

"It is evident that environmentally sustainable design principles have been considered and integrated from inception although this has not been allowed to dominate."

The Governor of Tasmania opened the \$2.3m furniture design building on 30 April. It is part of the School of Architecture and Design and attached to the historic railyard building which is the home of the majority of the school.

Constructed of a laminated Tasmanian oak portal frame with fibreglass sheeting, galvanised steel sheeting and plywood, its 'pared-back' design incorporates environmentally-friendly innovative heating and cooling mechanisms.

The building is currently used by 25 full-time furniture design students and 40 students completing furniture design electives.

The head of the School of Architecture, Professor Roger Fay, said he was delighted that to date the school's two buildings had received seven awards at state and national levels.

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