



**Above/Below Photos**> Interstat 90 workstations and Sesto desking provide an efficient, clean and solid work area. Each desk is equipped with a 4 door unit, drawer pedestal and shelves. The desktops form a U shape pocket and have the flexibility of height adjustable screens allowing individual privacy.

The arrival of the competitive electricity market prompted the Queensland government to create the Queensland Power Trading Corporation to trade electricity in the National Electricity Market. Adopting a more commercial outlook and a new business name: “Enertrade” required a high-powered work environment to meet a flexible and efficient operational structure.

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#### PROJECT SUMMARY

**Project Location:** Level 15, Old Minerals and Energy Centre, 61 Mary Street BRISBANE

**Client:** Enertrade - Project Manager – Darrell Martin

**Design:** Mark Jones Architects – Paul Jones

**Schiavello Old Systems:** Paul Hawthorn, Bret Gehrman

**Area:** 760m<sup>2</sup>

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Recent changes to the structure of Queensland's electricity industry have broadened and shaped the role of wholesale electricity trader, Enertrade. Entry into this competitive arena demanded a new way of working.

"Our original fitout was designed for different organisations doing different work," said Darrell Martin of Enertrade. "It did not serve our purpose and was overdue for refurbishment. We took the opportunity to lighten and brighten and introduce the level of flexibility into the environment that we needed."

Essentially, Paul Jones of Mark Jones Architects, took an outdated fitout and modernised it to cope with newer technologies. "The objective was to keep everything as low height as possible, accommodating an openplan where every working position had access to a panoramic view of the Brisbane River, making a very attractive and inviting area to work in.

"We totally stripped and replanned the office with consideration for improved traffic flow to provide less disturbance for staff, and to give increased filing and storage capacity," he said.

Schiavello's Interstat 90 workstations were customised and clustered into zones providing separate work areas defined by function and incorporating hot-desking facilities.

"The Schiavello Interstat 90 workstation system fully met our requirements in terms of price, quality and function," noted Darrell Martin. "The workstations and Sesto desktops are efficient, clean and solid, and we are extremely happy with the results. The system and Schiavello's Novetta seating integrate well within our built environment; it doesn't look like an office that's had workstations added into it, rather the whole office presents a highly unified appearance.

"Rather than being the typical L-shape, the desktops form a U-shape pocket which defines everyone's area a little better. The height adjustable screens allow you to maintain both individual privacy and the window views," he said.

Storage was a particularly high need for the staff. "While we are IT driven and most of our data is electronic, we also have a fairly high hard copy requirement," explained Darrell Martin. "Each workstation effectively has a 4-door unit plus a drawer pedestal and shelves.

"We've already taken advantage of the flexibility to move people around and actually moved one office group to a totally different area, because the space needs of different groups tends to fluctuate. It's simply a matter of taking their drawer boxes, wheeling them to another area, repatching their communications and in a matter of 10 minutes, you've moved. And, as all workstations are identical, staff could sit at any without substantially changing their environment," he said.

"Schiavello's performance was very good both in terms of cost and installing without any problems whatsoever," concluded Paul Jones. "They basically got the job because they had a broad range and were flexible enough to create the custom solution that we wanted rather than restricting us to a choice of off the shelf items. Our biggest challenge in the project was getting a customised look without paying an exorbitant price for it."

