

All is calm

The scale is larger than life, but the moody natural palette delivers a serenity worth soaking in.

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THE BRIEF Give it the air of an exclusive hotel, requested the well-travelled owner for this main ensuite refurbishment. Part of a stunning, end-to-end renovation of his waterfront home on Sydney's Pittwater, designed and project managed by interior designer Ioanna Lennox, the ensuite was to be "moody and masculine, but feel inviting and warm", says Ioanna.

THE DESIGN APPROACH "The footprint of the new main ensuite is that of the former ensuite and walk-in wardrobe, so it naturally feels expansive," says Ioanna. "This was a quintessential aspect of the design, because spacious environments evoke a feeling of luxury." The designer took full advantage of the upscaled dimensions to install a generous Claybrook bath and had Zuster custom-make a monumental, 2.2-metre vanity with detailing and marble handles to match the bedroom's bedside tables. "The feeling of ease and 'no effort required' was carried on from the main bedroom" - thus the oversized walk-in shower can be accessed from two sides. The space is more than up to hotel standard, with its ceiling speakers that channel music throughout, sculptural towel rails on the walls and the large, automated Velux skylight that opens to the sky, all crowned with beautiful Pittwater views that can be enjoyed while immersed in the tub.

THE RESULT "I knew we had hit the jackpot when I saw the limestone-style wall panels go in," says Ioanna. "I stood in the middle of the room - with all the rubble around and not a fixture installed - and thought 'wow'. The bathroom was already ethereally peaceful and calming." The owner agrees, adding that the space is "sexy, chic and luxurious. Everyone who sees it agrees it's just jaw-dropping." ▶ *Ioanna Lennox Interiors; ioannalennox.com.*

THE DETAILS

Maximum concrete-look porcelain floor tiles in Mercury, POA, and Artetech 'Pietra Imperiale' limestone-look porcelain wall panels, POA, all Artedomus.

Issy 'Halo III' American oak vanity unit by Zuster, customised with Corian benchtop and marble handles, from \$4400, Reece.

Issy 'ZI' mirrors, from \$1780 each, Reece.

Ross Gardam 'Silhouette' sconce lights, \$616 each, Stylecraft.

Claybrook 'Ellipse' freestanding bath, \$6995, Rogerseller.

City Plus exposed twin shower in Aged Iron PVD finish, \$2160, and Halo wall-mounted basin taps in Aged Iron PVD finish, \$884 each, all Brodware.

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