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The road to the Chelsea Flower Show

- 2 x 20ft containers left Melbourne on 4 March arriving in London on 8 March.
- The containers are filled with 60 tonnes of materials including 10m³ of potting mix and 10m³ of sub base (crushed rock) to be used to build up areas of the garden.
- Containers include pavers, lighting, tools, timbers, garden furniture and water features.
- There will be 13 people working on the garden at any given time over the 15-day construction period.

Key design features

- Stacked Firewood Wall - The wall contains 20m³ of firewood comprising nearly 1000 individual pieces. All the firewood was sourced by Statewide Tree Services from around the Warrandyte area in Melbourne's outer eastern suburbs.
- All wood was sourced as part of Statewide Tree Service's normal business activities in cutting down dead, diseased and unwanted trees and branches. At the conclusion of the show the firewood will be given to a UK charity approved by the Royal Horticultural Society.
- The garden includes retaining walls made out of rammed earth. This provides an eco friendly, modern finish to the split-levels of the garden. Specially made bluestone coloured bull nosing caps the walls.
- The rammed earth retaining walls will be made by a craftsman who will travel from Mansfield in regional Victoria. The walls will be constructed in Northhampton and then trucked down to site.
- Specially formulated pavers frame the garden's lawn. Pavers have been made by *Cast In Stone Pavers* using crushed granite from a quarry on Victoria's Mornington Peninsula.

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- Noise and movement in the garden will be added using a cascading black stone pyramid water feature.
- Jarrah timbers from Australia will be used for the furniture which has been made by Matt Heritage Design in Bendigo.
- Rustic steel pots made by Melbourne company Steel Living mix with native and exotic plants to help finish the garden and add personality to the space.
- The garden includes 1,240 plants
- Plant colours will range from the grey-green of Eucalypt leaves, mixed with silver, burgundy and green foliated plants.
- Grasses of brown and blue colours as well as green native and exotic grasses will blend with shrubs to create an Australian feel to the planting.

NOTE: Tools used during construction will come from Australia with some uniquely Australian including the wheelbarrows, which have been made by a local Melbourne manufacturer.