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This house and artist studio is nestled into a steep site overlooking the dramatic, black sand dunes of West Auckland's Bethells Beach. Three timber boxes extend towards a deck that hovers over native bush. Two of the boxes house living and bedroom spaces, the third is the studio. Clear glazing at the ends of each box frame views of Nikau palms, distant dunes and the coast. Where privacy is more critical, natural light is diffused through translucent fibreglass.

"... The strength of its forms belies a harmonious relationship with the landscape," NZIA Awards Jury, 2003.

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