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AN ENDURING RELATIONSHIP

Patricia Anderson reveals six contemporary Australian jewellers who take the natural world as their inspiration

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The cover of Object Magazine 54 features two rings by Helen Britton against images of bright neon from Sydney's Chinatown. The artist's work appears courtesy of Gallery Funaki, Melbourne. Photo: Keith Saunders

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