



# REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

## Interim Entry

1. DATA BASE No 3381
2. NAME *South Fremantle Power Station* (1951)
3. LOCATION Robb Street, Coogee
4. DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY  
Lot 3 on Plan 17373, being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 1878 Folio 137.
5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA City of Cockburn
6. OWNER State Energy Commission of Western Australia
7. HERITAGE LISTINGS
  - Register of Heritage Places: Interim Entry 28/10/1997
  - National Trust Classification: -----
  - Town Planning Scheme: -----
  - Municipal Inventory: -----
  - Register of the National Estate: -----
8. CONSERVATION ORDER  
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9. HERITAGE AGREEMENT  
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10. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

*South Fremantle Power Station* has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the surviving Main Building, now stripped of all plant, equipment and services, remains aesthetically significant; the building demonstrates the strong expression of a structure specifically designed for an industrial process;

the internal areas of the cleared building are impressive in the former Boiler House and Turbine Room, where the structural elements are of striking dominance, the vistas through the building are significant and the transparency of the external walls is uncompromisingly apparent in the empty building;

the place is a good example of an Art Deco Industrial structure, being the largest one to be built in Western Australia, and,

the building and site housed the first major power generating equipment in the State specifically designed to generate alternating current at the Australian and British Standard Frequency of 50 Hertz. It therefore enabled the initial changeover of the Metropolitan Area Power Supply from 40 Hertz to 50 Hertz operation.