



**HERITAGE  
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## REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

### Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 15820
2. **NAME** *Dalgety Wool Store (fmr)* (1922/3; 1927; 1942; 1944; 1952)  
**OTHER NAME** (Fort Knox Self Storage)
3. **LOCATION** 36 Queen Victoria Street, Fremantle
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**  
Lot 2 on Diagram 1207 being the whole of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume 1873 Folio 448; Lot 268 on Deposited Plan 222424 being the whole of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume 1873 Folio 449; and Lot 1 on Diagram 1207, Lot 52 on Diagram 5998, Lots 265, 266, 303 and 304 on Deposited Plan 222424 together being the whole of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume 1873 Folio 450.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** City of Fremantle
6. **OWNER** Match Securities Limited
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**
  - Register of Heritage Places: Interim Entry 07/12/2007  
Permanent Entry 11/04/2008
  - National Trust Classification: -----
  - Town Planning Scheme: -----
  - Municipal Inventory: Adopted - Level 2 22/02/2000
  - Register of the National Estate: -----
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**  
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9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**  
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10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**  
*Dalgety Wool Store (fmr)*, comprising a four-level brick and iron warehouse building (1922/23, 1927, 1944) and an adjoining single-storey brick and iron warehouse (1942, 1952) in a late version of the Federation Warehouse style, constructed for Dalgety and Co to provide warehousing and showrooms for the auction of wool to local, interstate and overseas buyers, is of cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place is an outstanding example of a large-scale utilitarian warehouse in a late version of the Federation Warehouse style of architecture;

the place demonstrates the development of the wool industry in Western Australia from post World War I to the late 20th century;

the structure and layout of the place illustrates former practices of wool storage, display and sale while the remaining equipment demonstrate some of the specific practices and processes;

the place is the oldest remaining wool store adjacent to the Fremantle harbour and an example of one of the earliest wool stores built in the area;

the place is a significant landmark in the streetscape due to its monumental scale and form and is an impressive entry statement from the east to the City of Fremantle;

the place is significant to the Fremantle community, generations of people associated with the wool industry, and the wider community as the place helped shape the identity of the port of Fremantle due to the significance of the wool industry in the economy of Western Australia;

the place has strong associations with the firm Dalgety and Co who were significant in the development of the wool industry in Western Australia and Australia and demonstrates the significant achievement of Dalgety and Co in establishing their wool broking business in Fremantle and maintaining their presence in the city since 1892;

the bold utilitarian character of the place contributes to the aesthetic character of the port of Fremantle as its unique character is integral to the associations with the harbour and port activities;

the place is associated with the important architectural firm Hobbs, Smith and Forbes (and subsequent derivations of the firm) as they designed the original building in 1922/23 and several of the subsequent additions; and,

the place is associated with the allied war effort as it was commandeered by the United States Navy 7<sup>th</sup> fleet during World War II.

The storage units, office and ablutions in the single-storey wool store, the partitioned area on the first floor of Queen Victoria Street, and the ramp entry from Queen Victoria Street are of little significance. The equipment relating to the wool industry, notably the wool presses, which remain are of significance.