



REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 3247
2. **NAME** *Leighton Battery* (1942; 1944-45; c. 1947; c. 1990)
FORMER NAMES Leighton Battery; Buckland Hill Tunnels.
3. **LOCATION** Cnr Stirling Highway & Boundary Road, Mosman Park
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
 North Fremantle Lot 456 and that portion of North Fremantle Lot 455, being part of Crown Reserve 41749 and being part of the land comprised in Crown Land Record Volume 3093 Folio 871 as together are defined in Heritage Council of Western Australia survey drawing No. 3247 prepared by Steffanoni Ewing & Cruickshank Pty Ltd.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Town of Mosman Park
6. **OWNER** Town of Mosman Park
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**

• Register of Heritage Places:	Interim Entry	14/05/1999
	Permanent Entry	27/08/1999
• National Trust Classification:		13/05/1996
• Town Planning Scheme:		-----
• Municipal Inventory:		24/03/1998
• Register of the National Estate:		22/06/1993
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**
Leighton Battery, the conserved remains of a mostly underground World War Two artillery defence installation, comprising a complex of underground tunnels, rooms and an observation post, a semi-buried command post, two 6 inch gun emplacements (all 1942), two 5.25 inch gun emplacements one of which remains buried (1944-45), a radar hut (c1947), an access road and limestone retaining walls (c1990). and the surrounding public open space, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place is unique to Western Australia and rare in Australia as being an example of an extant site where a 5.25 inch gun battery was operated;

the place was a significant component of the natural coastal defence strategies for the Fremantle Port using both artillery and anti-aircraft weapons during World War Two;

the place is a remnant of a much larger military complex which occupied most of Buckland Hill since 1941, and has played a significant part in a larger national system of coastal defence strategies;

the underground tunnel complex is an example of technical achievement;

the place is representative of defence systems located on the Western Australian coastline and islands; and,

the site has landmark quality.

The recent road and paths, limestone walls and the non-local plantings are assessed as being intrusive or of having low significance.