



REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 0647
2. **NAME** *Railway Water Tower, Cunderdin (c.1906; 1994)*
3. **LOCATION** cnr Forrest & Main Streets, Cunderdin
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
That portion of road reserve, being a part of Forrest Road in Cunderdin as is defined in Heritage Council of Western Australia survey drawing No. 0647. prepared by Steffanoni Ewing & Cruickshank Pty Ltd.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Shire of Cunderdin
6. **OWNER** Main Roads Western Australia
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**

• Register of Heritage Places:	Interim	28/08/1992
	Permanent	28/08/2001
• National Trust Classification:	Classified	05/09/1983
• Town Planning Scheme:		-----
• Municipal Inventory:	Adopted	31/12/1996
• Register of the National Estate:	Permanent	25/03/1986
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**
Railway Water Tower, Cunderdin, a 25,000 gallon (113 kl) square cast iron water tank on a fifty foot (15m) timber pole stand constructed in 1906, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place, together with the adjacent Goldfields Pipeline No. 3 Pump Station Museum, forms a unique cultural environment informing of two major engineering feats: the railway in 1892, and the water pipeline in 1901;

the place was an integral part of the Goldfields Pipeline and the Eastern Goldfields railway, which together made Cunderdin a viable settlement and initiated wheat-farming in the area. The 1906 construction of the place paralleled the gazettement of the township;

the place is highly valued by the Cunderdin community as an identifiable built representation of the significant railway presence that was part of the town from the 1890s to the 1960s, and is the only remaining element of the Cunderdin railway station;

the place and associated railway dam are examples of a water supply system fashioned to fit prevailing conditions and environment. They illustrate the difficulties of providing steam-powered rail transport over long distances in Western Australia; and,

the place has a landmark setting in the Cunderdin town. It is dominant in the vista along Great Eastern Highway, and from the main commercial centre on the north side of the railway line. It is integral within, and contributes to the townscape and character of Cunderdin.