HERITAGE COUNCIL OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. DATA BASE No. 15829

2. NAME *Armadale State Brickworks Dustroom & Machinery Shed (fmr)* (1949-1953; 1956; c.1968; 1970s; mid 1980s)

OTHER NAMES State Brickworks; Armadale Brickworks; Armadale Pressed Brickworks No. 2;

3. LOCATION Lot 12 South West Highway, Armadale

4. DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY

Portion of Lot 12 on Diagram 53506 being part of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume 1500 Folio 671 as is defined in Heritage Council of Western Australia Survey Drawing No. 15829 prepared by Steffanoni Ewing & Cruickshank Pty Ltd.

5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA City of Armadale

6. OWNER Bristile Holdings Ltd

7. HERITAGE LISTINGS

• Register of Heritage Places:	Interim Entry	21/04/2006
	Permanent Entry	20/04/2007
• National Trust Classification:		----------
• Town Planning Scheme:		----------
• Municipal Inventory:	Adopted	21/08/1995
• Register of the National Estate:		----------

8. CONSERVATION ORDER

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9. HERITAGE AGREEMENT

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10. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Armadale State Brickworks Dustroom & Machinery Shed (fmr), a steel framed, corrugated asbestos cement sheet clad former industrial facility comprising a dustroom and machine shed designed around five pan mills, elevators, return conveyors and spinners for extracting fine aggregate for brick making, and eight brick presses, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the brick presses manufactured by Thos. C. Fawcett in the 1920s have historic significance as the only known extant examples of their type in Australia;

the place clearly demonstrates the brickmaking process from the delivery of the primary material through the crushing process to the pressing and drying of the bricks;

the place has very high social and historical significance as demonstrated by the work reunion held in 2002 attended by approximately 400 people, and by its identification by the Armadale & Districts Brickworks Preservation Group and the Institution of Engineers (WA Branch) as a site containing equipment worthy of preservation;

the place was established as a result of building material shortages in the Post World War Two period and also employed a large number of European migrants subsequent to their arrival in Australia as part of the post war immigration program;

the place has associations with the development of the brickmaking industry in the Armadale district dating from 1897 through to the present day in 2007;

the place represents an example of an industry established as a result of the Scaddan Labour Government's Government Trading Concerns Act of 1912; and,

the place is a utilitarian example of a mid twentieth century factory designed around the brick-making process and housing a significant and visually impressive collection of machines.

The assessment only covers the dustroom and the section of the machine shed that contains the brick presses. The assessment does not include the remainder of the former Armadale State Brickworks site and site features. These other features have not been assessed as significant, and were approved for demolition in November 2005.