



REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 3849
2. **NAME** *Dumas House* (1966)
FORMER NAMES Government Office Building; Public Offices Building
3. **LOCATION** 2 Havelock Street, West Perth
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
Those portions of Perth Lot 822, being part of Crown Reserve 26741 and being part of the land comprised in Crown Land Record Volume 3062 Folio 661 and Perth Lot 1082, being part of Crown Reserve 45023 and being part of the land in Crown Land Record Volume 3109 Folio 611 as together are defined in Heritage Council of Western Australia survey drawing No. 3849 prepared by Steffanoni Ewing & Cruickshank Pty Ltd.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** City of Perth
6. **OWNER** Crown.
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**
 - Register of Heritage Places: Interim Entry 01/10/1999
Permanent Entry 08/08/2000
 - National Trust Classification: -----
 - Town Planning Scheme: -----
 - Municipal Inventory: -----
 - Register of the National Estate: -----
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**
Dumas House, a fourteen-storey government office building constructed in the Post-War International style has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place has considerable landmark value and contributes to the Perth community's sense of place. The tall building is located on a prominent, elevated site, is clearly visible from many points around the city and wider metropolitan area. Its location at the western edge of the urban skyline enhances the landmark value of the place;

the place was built during a period of prosperity, when the State was experiencing extensive industrial development and a mineral boom.

At the time of construction, *Dumas House* was seen as a symbol of the growth and prosperity of Western Australia;

notwithstanding extensive internal modifications, *Dumas House* is a rare example of a multi-storied, steel-framed building with infill glazed panels, constructed in Western Australia in the 1960s;

the place is a good example of the Post-War International style, exhibiting some of the principle tenets of the modernist aesthetic. The glazed panels and open piazza enable a sense of transparency and lightness in the overall form;

the place is representative of the adaptation of International style of architecture to the Australian environment through the use of passive sun control devices;

the place was designed by architects Finn, Van Mens and Maidment who won a national competition for the development of the site, having already established a body of work as project architects of the Public Works Department of Western Australia; and,

the place has been associated with the State Government of Western Australia since its construction in 1966, providing office accommodation for Government departments and Ministers. At the time of construction, *Dumas House* was well received as a good example of modern office accommodation.