



REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 02649
2. **NAME** *ABC Transmission Station* (1936; 1957; 1996)
FORMER NAME 6WA Minding
3. **LOCATION** Arthur Road, Minding
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
Those portions of Lot 1 on Diagram 9763, being part of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 2201 Folio 892; and

Lot 55 on Diagram 100286, being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 2201 Folio 868 as together are defined in Heritage Council of Western Australia survey drawing No. 2649 prepared by Steffanoni Ewing & Cruickshank Pty Ltd.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Shire of Wagin
6. **OWNER** NTL Australia Pty Ltd. (Lot 1)
Alan Edgar Toms (Lot 55)
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**
 - Register of Heritage Places: Interim Entry 13/07/2001
Permanent Entry 28/03/2002
 - National Trust Classification: Classified 13/09/1999
 - Town Planning Scheme: -----
 - Municipal Inventory: Adopted 20/05/1997
 - Register of the National Estate: -----
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**
ABC Transmission Station, a single-storey rendered masonry and asbestos building with entry pillars and gates, showing characteristics of the Inter War Stripped Classical style, together with associated transmission tower, outbuildings, original fence and roadside sugar gums, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons;

the place was the first regional radio station in Western Australia and formed part of the national network of the Australian Broadcasting Commission;

the place was built between 1935 and 1936 by the Commonwealth Department of Works for the Post Master Generals Department, and was purpose built to house the transmission equipment for the mast which broadcast radio signals to the south west of Western Australia;

the place was a significant technical achievement at the time of construction as the mast was the tallest and most powerful (10kW) in Australia, and remained so in 1957 when it was converted to a 50kW transmitter;

the transmission station building and adjacent transmission tower are a landmark on the Arthur Road between Arthur River and Wagin. Together they form a significant cultural environment associated with radio communication;

the place is valued as a regional example of a building exhibiting the principle characteristics of the Inter War Stripped Classical style; and,

the place has social value for the South West community providing initially work opportunities during the depression and subsequently an important means of communication and a venue for community events.