



REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 03311
2. **NAME** *King Battery* (1901-02)
3. **LOCATION** 47km SSE of Kalgoorlie, accessed from the White Hope Mine access road through Wollubar Station, Kambalda.
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
Portion of East Location 48 and being part of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume 1676 Folio 056 as shown on Heritage Council of Western Australia Drawing No. 3311 prepared by Warren King & Company and Midland Survey Services.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder
6. **OWNER** Hampton Gold Mining Areas Ltd
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**
 - Register of Heritage Places: Interim Entry 13/08/2004
Permanent Entry 13/05/2005
 - National Trust Classification: -----
 - Town Planning Scheme: -----
 - Municipal Inventory: Adopted 27/07/1995
 - Register of the National Estate: -----
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**
King Battery, an industrial archaeology site containing the physical remnants of a 20-head gold processing battery and cyanide plant, has cultural heritage for the following reasons:

the place is a rare example of a traditional stamp battery, a type of processing plant that has virtually disappeared from mining sites;

the place includes a cyanide plant more sophisticated than those commonly built at the State batteries;

the tailings wheel pillars represent the State's only surviving evidence of a type of bulk material handling that was once fairly common on Western Australia's goldfields;

the place was a major entrepreneurial venture which, although it failed, foreshadowed the centralised processing of ore from multiple sources that characterises mining in the modern mining era, and is unusual as a stand-alone private processing plant built to serve several mines in the area rather than being connected to a specific mine site;

the site contains evidence of the complete process of gold ore treatment as it was practiced in the early 1900s;

the place includes prominent tailings wheel pillars, which, together with the retaining walls, display high quality stonework, arches and brick quoining, and are set in a picturesque natural setting in a lake embayment;

the place was constructed by Hampton Plains Estates Ltd. and managed by engineer Ernest Lidgey, both of whom went on to be prominent in the Western Australian mining industry in other ventures; and,

the place is valued by the regional community as a popular recreational area and historic monument.

There are no intrusive elements or elements of little significance.