



REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. DATA BASE No. 1900
2. NAME *Warribanno Smelter Complex Ruin* (c, 1849, 1854+)
3. LOCATION Warribanno Chimney Road, Northampton
4. DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY
Murchison Location 3 being the whole of the land described in Memorial Book Volume 23 Folio 1555 in the Registry of Deeds.
5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA Shire of Northampton
6. OWNER Joseph William Plasto
7. HERITAGE LISTINGS

• Register of Heritage Places:	Interim Entry	28/06/1996
•	Permanent Entry	13/12/1996
• National Trust Classification:		11/06/1973
• Shire of Northampton Planning Scheme:		04/07/1995
Appendix 6.		
• Municipal Inventory:		-----
• Register of National Estate:		21/03/1978
8. CONSERVATION ORDER

9. HERITAGE AGREEMENT

10. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE
Warribanno Smelter Complex Ruin comprising roasting furnace, reverberatory furnaces, blacksmith's shop, surface flue system, vertical flue shaft/chimney, tunnel flue, 'ruins one and two', all in a ruined condition, together with stone boundary cairns (c. 1849), quarry, and associated landscape and vegetation, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

 the place is closely associated with the Geraldine Lead Mine, situated approximately 5 kilometres north-east, which was the earliest European settlement of the mid-west of Western Australia;

 the place is the oldest identified European mining site in Western Australia and is historically linked with the development of the

Geraldine Lead Mine, Lynton Convict Hiring Depot and Port Gregory;

it is the oldest surviving smelter in Western Australia and one of the earliest in Australia;

it is an important demonstration of mid-nineteenth century smelting processes and technology;

it has important associations with historical figures, including Augustus Gregory, Henry Gregory and Francis Pearson;

the chimney has been a significant and valued landmark in the region since 1854; and,

the site is highly valued by the community of the mid-west region, both for its landmark status and as a memorial to the early mining activity and mining communities of the region.

The modern fencing around the precinct, power pole, pedestrian tracks, carpark area, and signage are intrusive.