



**HERITAGE  
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## REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

### Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 15743
2. **NAME** *Armadale Brickworks Quarry (fmr)* (1901)
3. **LOCATION** Bedford Hill Road, Armadale
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
  1. Lot 21 on Diagram 90004 being the whole of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume 2061 Folio 852
  2. Lot 96 on Plan 8864 being part of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume 1301 Folio 739
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** City of Armadale
6. **OWNER**
  1. City of Armadale
  2. State of Western Australia
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**

• Register of Heritage Places:	Interim Entry	02/06/2006
	Permanent Entry	01/06/2007
• National Trust Classification:		-----
• Town Planning Scheme:	Yes	21/08/1995
• 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 Brickworks Quarry (fmr)*, a shale quarry in the Darling Scarp above the site of the former Armadale Brickworks factory, including part of the tunnel through which the haulage tramline extended to the factory, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place supplied shale between 1901 and 1929 for one of the earliest, and possibly the first, brickworks in Western Australia to manufacture pressed shale bricks and provides tangible evidence of this historically important industrial activity which developed in the Perth;

the place is of geological interest for its display of the Cardup Series of shale formations, including stromatolites, and has been used as an educational site for more than 60 years;

the place, together with the brickworks it supplied, provided employment for a large number of local men and was an important social and economic influence in the town's development;

the quarry and brickworks operation was owned by land and finance agent Sir Thomas Coombe, and by builder and contractor Robert Oswald Law, both of whom were prominent figures in Western Australia during the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century;

the place has value as a research and teaching site with the potential to yield information relating to the history of brick making processes in Western Australia, particularly showing the beginning processes relating to the manufacture of pressed shale-blend bricks;

bricks produced with shale from the place have played a significant part in determining the character of Perth's suburbs; and,

the place is a landmark cultural feature in the Darling Scarp, visible from the western approaches to Armadale.

The headframe tower structure and other elements removed from the associated brickworks factory site have been stored and may be used for interpretation at a later date.