



REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. **NUMBER** 0583
2. **NAME** *Old Pumping Station*
3. **DESCRIPTION OF ELEMENTS INCLUDED IN THE ENTRY (GENERAL)**

The pumping station is a brick building of plain industrial design appropriate to its use. It has an iron roof and a metal chimney. Work on construction of the pipeline under the direction of the Engineer-In-Chief, C Y O'Connor began in 1898 but this, the last of the steam pumping stations, was built at the end of 1901. It continued in use until 1970 when superseded by diesel powered plant. It is currently being restored by the trust in co-operation with the Public Works Department.

4. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Coolgardie
5. **LOCATION** Dedari
Reserve 38354

6. **OWNER**

7. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE OF PLACE (ASSESSMENT IN DETAIL)**

The place has been assessed by the National Trust of Australia (WA) and has been entered in the Register held by that body as a classified building with the following statement of significance:

This is the only one of the eight pumping stations on the pipeline of the Goldfields Water Scheme in which the machinery and boilers are virtually complete and in authentic working condition. It is important for this reason and also as a relic of the Goldfields Water Scheme which was a major engineering feat and through its service, not only to the goldfields but also to the wheatbelt through which it passed, contributed to the development of the State.

The place has also been assessed by the Australian Heritage Commission and has been entered in the Register of the National Estate with the following statement of significance:

Significant as one of eight former steam pumping stations in the 1898-1901 Mundaring-Kalgoorlie water pipeline. Of major importance in opening up eastern goldfields. Of technological significance as the best preserved example, in engineering terms, of this major pumping system.

**8. REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES
(DATE OF GAZETTAL)**

Interim Entry 5/5/1992

Permanent Entry 25/6/93

9. CONSERVATION ORDER

10. HERITAGE AGREEMENT

11. REFERENCES

National Trust Assessment Exposition
Register of the National Estate