



HERITAGE
COUNCIL
OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 03048
2. **NAME** *Western Australian Police Service Complex (1965, 1975)*
3. **LOCATION** 2 Adelaide Terrace, East Perth
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
Lot 831 on Deposited Plan 209566, being Crown Reserve 31051 and being the whole of the land comprised in Crown Land Record Volume 3062 Folio 680.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** City of Perth
6. **OWNER** State of Western Australia
(vested in Commissioner of Police)
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**

• Register of Heritage Places:	Interim Entry	22/01/2002
	Permanent Entry	14/02/2003
• National Trust Classification:	Classified	08/07/2002
• Town Planning Scheme:		-----
• Municipal Inventory:		-----
• Register of the National Estate:		-----
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

The *Western Australian Police Service Complex*, a nine storey administrative building and attached three-storey police station and lock-up, constructed in the Late-Twentieth Century International style, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place is a prominent landmark, by virtue of the distinctive concave form of the tall headquarters building, which marks the eastern gateway to the city of Perth;

the place is a good example of an office building constructed in the Late-Twentieth Century International style still extant within Perth. The increasing use of curvilinear forms was characteristic of this style and the concave form of the headquarters building is the dominant aesthetic;

the place is rare as it includes the only multi-storey office building of curvilinear form, designed in the 1960s, extant within Western Australia. The place is also rare as an intact multi-storey office building in the International style dating from the period;

the place demonstrates the principal characteristics of office buildings dating from the 1960s, such as the external expression of the concrete structure and the integration of passive sun-control devices in the design of the façade;

the place is associated with the Police Commissioners and other officers who have worked from it since its construction, and the Walsh Pitman Memorial is associated with the many fallen police officers that it commemorates; and,

the place, designed by the Architectural Division of the Public Works Department of Western Australia, is the first purpose-built consolidated Western Australian Police Service headquarters in Western Australia, incorporating all the major branches and sections of the Western Australian Police Department.

The covered carpark structure, stores building and garage are of little significance.