



# REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

## Interim Entry

1. **NUMBER** 1896

2. **NAME** *Police Station*

3. **DESCRIPTION OF ELEMENTS INCLUDED IN THE ENTRY (GENERAL)**

The seven acre site on the corner of Fitzgerald, Gairdner and Wellington Streets, still occupied by Government buildings, was set aside in 1866 and in August of that year a police station, cells and courthouse were opened there. Prior to this a building in the northern part of the town had been leased as a police station. Northam's first Police Constable was appointed in 1852 and there were complaints over a number of years about the lack of a lockup. Plans for the present police station signed by Hillson Beasley, were drawn in 1910. It is built of brick with a corrugated iron roof and rendered string courses. The section of the building nearest the corner was originally designed as living quarters, police business being conducted in three rooms to the right of the central windows.

4. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Northam (T)

5. **LOCATION** Wellington/Gardiner Sts, Northam  
Lot Northam 375 D 81305

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:

The building is of architectural interest as one of Hillson Beasley's designs and it is of social and historical importance for its association with life in Northam for over 70 years. Environmentally it is important in relation to the Courthouse and other government buildings on the site.

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:

The building is of architectural interest as one of Hillson Beasley's designs and it is of social and historical importance for its association with life in Northam for over 70 years. Environmentally it is important in relation to the courthouse and other Government buildings on the site.

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

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**9. CONSERVATION ORDER**

**10. HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

**11. REFERENCES**

National Trust Assessment Exposition  
Register of the National Estate