



HERITAGE
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Permanent Entry

1. DATA BASE No. 1014
2. NAME *Fremantle Prison* (1852-1859 +)
3. LOCATION The Terrace, Fremantle
4. DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY
Reserve 24042 being the whole of the land comprised in Fremantle Lot 1913.
5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA City of Fremantle
6. OWNER Minister for Works
7. HERITAGE LISTINGS
 - Register of Heritage Places: Interim Entry 10/01/1992
Permanent Entry 30/06/1995
 - National Trust Classification: 03/10/1960
 - City of Fremantle City Planning Scheme: -----
 - Register of National Estate: 21/03/1978
8. CONSERVATION ORDER

9. HERITAGE AGREEMENT

10. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE
Fremantle Prison has exceptional cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:
 - it contains major evidence of the physical apparatus of an imperial convict public works establishment and of its adaptation for subsequent colonial use;
 - the establishment is the most intact such complex in Australia;
 - the prison is the outstanding symbol of the period in which Western Australia was developed using convict labour;
 - it is a memorial to the design and supervision of the royal engineers including Jebb (surveyor general of the [English] prisons, Henderson (comptroller general of convicts), Wray (acting comptroller general), Manning (clerk of works in the royal engineer

office) and to the work of the sappers and miners, artisan pensioners and, not least, the prisoners;

the association of the persons who left their mark in its fabric or made an impact on its discipline and reputation, in particular, the governors Fitzgerald and Hampton; and, superintendents Lefroy, Stone, George and Hann; as well as the prisoners;

the prison in its present form also demonstrates with some precision the facilities, conditions and attitudes prevailing in a major Western Australian prison - an experience rarely available to the public and made more immediate by the retention of graffiti, murals, signs, notices and recent evidence of use; and,

the austere and monumental quality of the longest and tallest cell range in Australia set in a precinct characterised by a homogeneity of form, materials, texture and colour make it a landmark feature of Fremantle.