



# REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

## Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 2985
2. **NAME** *Low Level Crossing, Fitzroy Crossing* (1889, 1935, 1958)
3. **LOCATION** Yarabi Road, Fitzroy Crossing
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**  
That portion of Vacant Crown Land in the Fitzroy Crossing Townsite and those portions of Road Reserve No. 296 as together are defined in Heritage Council of Western Australia survey drawing No. 2985 prepared by Steffanoni Ewing & Cruickshank Pty Ltd.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Shire of Derby/West Kimberley
6. **OWNER** The State of Western Australia. (VCL)  
Shire of Derby/ West Kimberley (Road Reserve)
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**

• Register of Heritage Places:	Interim Entry	27/09/1999
	Permanent Entry	07/01/2000
• National Trust Classification:		-----
• Town Planning Scheme:		-----
• Municipal Inventory:	Yes, Not adopted	-----
• Register of the National Estate:		-----
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**  
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9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**  
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10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**  
*Low Level Crossing, Fitzroy Crossing*, a concrete structure 160m long and 4m wide, spans the Fitzroy River bed and has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:  
  
it was the first large-scale project undertaken by Main Roads in the north Western Australia and the first bridge across the Fitzroy River;  
  
its construction was an economical solution to the problem of providing a river crossing in a remote region of the north of



Western Australia in the early decades of the twentieth century, which, in turn, gives insight into the development of road engineering in the region;

it contributes to the community's understanding of the remoteness of the north by demonstrating the very basic means by which vehicles crossed a major river on Route 1 up to the 1970s and, for this reason, is an important tourist attraction in the region.

the place is part of a significant cultural environment that also includes *Fitzroy Crossing Police Group* and *Fitzroy Crossing Post Office (fmr)*; and,

the view of the crossing from the approaches on either bank, across the sweeping vista that descends to the Fitzroy River bed, is a landmark in the West Kimberley context.