HERITAGE COUNCIL OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. DATA BASE No. 09589

2. NAME *Main Pump Station, Kununurra* (1963)

OTHER NAMES M1 Pump Station, Kununurra

3. LOCATION Lakeview Drive, Kununurra

4. DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY

1. Portion of Lot 915 on Deposited Plan 28481 being unallocated Crown land and part of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume 3126 Folio 72

   portion of the Ord River river bed being that part of Lot 300 on Deposited Plan 52101 labeled "F" and being part of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume 3141 Folio 228,

   portion of King Location 692 being part of Reserve 29167 and part of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume 3096 Folio 228,

   portion of Lot 843 on Deposited Plan 220974 being part of Reserve 46172 and part of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume 3317 Folio 786,

   portion of Lot 3002 on Deposited Plan 46759 being part of Reserve 41812 and part of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume 3137 Folio 919,

2. Portion of Lot 3005 on Deposited Plan 46759 being part of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume 2615 Folio 377

together as shown on Heritage Council of Western Australia Survey Drawing No. 9589 prepared by Whelans and dated 3 August 2005.

5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA Shire of Wyndham-East Kimberley

6. OWNER 1. State of Western Australia

(As to Reserve 29167 Management Order to Shire of Wyndham – East Kimberley)

(As to Reserve 46172 Joint Management Order to the Water Corporation and Shire of Wyndham – East Kimberley)

(As to Reserve 41812 Joint Management Order to the Water & Rivers Commission and Shire of Wyndham – East Kimberley)

(As to the river bed Responsible Agency Water & Rivers Commission)

2. Water Corporation

7. HERITAGE LISTINGS

• Register of Heritage Places:	Interim Entry	02/06/2006
	Permanent Entry	08/05/2007
• National Trust Classification:		----------
• Town Planning Scheme:		----------
• Municipal Inventory:	Adopted	20/02/1997
• Register of the National Estate:		----------

8. CONSERVATION ORDER

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9. HERITAGE AGREEMENT

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10. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Main Pump Station, Kununurra, a steel framed iron clad shed housing three pumps on a concrete substructure and located in Lake Kununurra adjacent to the north bank, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the Ord River Irrigation Scheme, of which *Main Pump Station, Kununurra* was an integral part, was a bold venture to develop and settle the North West of the State in the post-World War II era, and accompanied a period of great expansion in Western Australia's resource and agricultural sectors;

the establishment of the town of Kununurra and surrounding area was reliant on the Ord River Irrigation Scheme. The decision to encourage settlement in this area arose partly in response to the 'populate or perish' philosophy of the time;

the place is the largest capacity pumping station in the State and a good, intact example of its type. Its form and proportions demonstrate the aesthetic values of utilitarian service structures associated with Government utilities;

the place was considered a difficult engineering project for the time, requiring innovative design solutions;

the place is a landmark on Lake Kununurra and, together with Lake Kununurra and the M1 Channel, forms a cultural environment which contributes to a sense of place for the local and wider community; and,

funding for the Ord River Irrigation Scheme, of which *Main Pump Station, Kununurra* was an integral part, was a controversial political issue throughout the time of its implementation, at a Federal and state level.