



**HERITAGE
COUNCIL**
OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Register Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 2239
2. **NAME** *Parliament House & Grounds (1902-04, 1958-64, 1971,1978)*
3. **LOCATION** Harvest Terrace & Malcolm Street, West Perth
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
 1. Reserve 1162 being Lot 55 on Deposited Plan 210063 and being the whole of the land comprised in Crown Land Title Volume LR3063 Folio 455
 2. Reserve 45024 being (firstly) Lot 836 on Deposited Plan 210063 and being the whole of the land comprised in Crown Land Title Volume LR3135 Folio 459 and (secondly) Lot 1083 on Deposited Plan 219538 being the whole of the land comprised in Crown Land Title Volume LR3135 Folio 460.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** City of Perth
6. **OWNER AT REGISTRATION**
 1. State of Western Australia (Responsible Agency: Parliamentary Services Department; Management Order: Parliamentary Reserve Board Corporate Body)
 2. State of Western Australia (Responsible Agency: Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage)
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**

• Register of Heritage Places:	Interim Entry	24/09/2004
	Registered	05/11/2020
• National Trust Classification:	Classified	11/10/2004
• Town Planning Scheme:	Yes	09/01/2004
• Municipal Inventory:	Adopted	13/03/2001
• Register of the National Estate:		-----
• Aboriginal Sites Register		-----
ID3704 Kings Park Waugal	Registered	
ID3787 Mounts Bay Road	Registered	
ID3703 Spring Street	Registered	
8. **ORDERS UNDER SECTION OF THE ACT**

9. HERITAGE AGREEMENT

10. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Parliament House & Grounds, a two and three storey sandstone and tile building in the Federation Academic Classical (1904) and Late Twentieth Century Stripped Classical styles (1964), with landscaped grounds, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place is a symbol of democracy in Western Australia and provides a strong sense of historical continuity in its function. It contributes to the community's sense of identity, providing an important physical and symbolic presence, as the centre of democracy and decision making;

the place is an important and well recognised landmark, situated in a prominent and elevated location overlooking the city of Perth and the Swan River. The imposing 1964 eastern façade, with its carefully considered proportions and decommissioned water feature (1971), is clearly visible from a number of major vantage points and is visually linked with Barracks Arch across the Mitchell Freeway;

the 1904 section of the building, comprising the western wing and the two Chambers, expresses the sense of grandeur and pride associated with the establishment of the place through both the external and internal design, finishes and furnishings and by the use of Western Australian building materials. Designed by the Public Works Department, under the direction of Chief Architect J H Grainger, major aspects of the parliamentary system are embodied in the layout and fabric of the building, with the Chambers providing a publicly accessible symbol of the parliamentary process for the people of Western Australia;

the streetscape qualities of the building, when viewed from both Harvest Terrace and Parliament Place, in association with the landscape treatment to these streets, serve to emphasise the status of *Parliament House & Grounds* and contribute to the community's sense of place;

the well maintained grounds are regarded as a prestigious and symbolic venue for the conduct of important civic ceremonies, as the primary point of contact between the media and parliamentarians, as well as a gathering point for public rallies;

the incomplete construction of the original 1904 building from what was originally planned left the grand eastern elevation unconstructed until 1964 due to a lack of funds, and illustrates the austerity of the Government whose concerns over expenditure during the subsequent periods of economic depression and wars, placed the need for housing, hospitals and schools above the completion of Parliament House; and,

the place forms an integral component of the historic civic precinct, which also includes *Hale School (fmr)* (now The Constitutional Centre of Western Australia and Hale House), the *Old Observatory* and *Dumas House*. Marked to the east by *Parliament House & Grounds*, the buildings of this precinct are set in open landscaped grounds on the rise of the hill to the west of the complex.