



**HERITAGE
COUNCIL**
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REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 01872
2. **NAME** *Bank of New South Wales (fmr), Northam (1915, 1927, 1970s, 1990s)*
OTHER NAMES Westpac Bank, Challenge Bank
3. **LOCATION** 161 Fitzgerald Street, Northam
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
Lot 113 on Deposited Plan 222923 and being the whole of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume 1983 Folio 482.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Town of Northam
6. **OWNER** Rosant Nominees Pty Ltd
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**
 - Register of Heritage Places: Interim Entry 11/08/2006
Permanent Entry 31/07/2007
 - National Trust Classification: Classified 05/05/1980
 - Town Planning Scheme: -----
 - Municipal Inventory: Adopted 25/02/1998
 - Register of the National Estate: -----
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

Bank of New South Wales (fmr), Northam, a double-storey brick rendered and corrugated iron building constructed in 1915 in the Federation Free Classical style, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place is a fine and rare example of Federation Free Classical style applied to a rural branch of the Bank;

the scale of the building reflects the confidence the Bank had for the Northam area and for WA more widely;

the quality of detailing in the strongly modelled facade and the monumental vertical scale of the place creates a building of significant interest and presence in the streetscape and reinforces the notion of a stable institution;

the place is associated with prominent West Australian architects George Herbert Parry and William Arthur Nelson, whose individual work on church, public and commercial buildings is highly regarded, and with the Millington family, who were builders of repute in Northam.