



REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 2140
2. **NAME** *Wellington Buildings* (1910)
FORMER NAME Higham's Buildings
3. **LOCATION** 150-160 William Street (509-515 Wellington Street),
Perth
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
Lot 123 on Diagram 3034 being the whole of the land contained in
Certificate of Title Volume: 1250 Folio: 567.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** City of Perth
6. **OWNER** Western Australian Planning Commission.
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**
 - Register of Heritage Places:

Interim Entry	11/06/2004
Permanent Entry	22/04/2005
<i>Permanent Entry as part of</i>	<i>15/10/2004</i>
<i>P16743 William &</i>	
<i>Wellington Street Precinct</i>	
 - National Trust Classification: Classified 05/12/1988
 - Town Planning Scheme: Included 20/02/1989
 - Municipal Inventory: -----
 - Register of the National Estate: Indicative 05/12/1988
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

Wellington Buildings, a three storey commercial building built in 1910, constructed in stucco-finished masonry in the Federation Free Classical style, comprising shops on the ground floor above a basement and offices on the first and second floors, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place is an integral component of a precinct of buildings from the Federation and Interwar periods, strongly contributing to the historic

streetscape that remains on both sides of Wellington Street, and together with other nearby streetscapes from that period collectively forms a significant townscape;

the place is representative and provides evidence of the City of Perth's expansion and the intensive building program that occurred during the gold rush period, from the discovery of gold in Western Australia in the 1880s and 1890s up to World War One, and resulted in small shops in the central Perth business district being demolished and replaced with multi-storey retail and commercial premises accommodating a variety of tenants;

as a good example of a competently designed and built substantial Federation Free Classical Style commercial building;

the place is a substantial landmark sited at a conspicuous corner, and typifies Federation streetscapes in which the corner sites commonly feature the more prominent buildings within a block;

together with the Royal Hotel on the opposite corner, the place serves as one of the main entrances to the Perth city centre;

the upper floor of the building has high authenticity with the fabric of both the interior and exterior of the building remaining largely in its original state; and,

the place was designed for businessman Harry Higham by architects Charles Oldham and Alfred Cox and is a good example of their work.