



# REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

## Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 0977
2. **NAME** *Customs House (fmr)* (1908, 1927, 1966)
3. **LOCATION** Cnr of Phillimore & Cliff Streets, Fremantle
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**  
Fremantle Lot 2045, being Crown Reserve 40256 and being the whole of the land comprised in Crown Land Record Volume 3037 Folio 637.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** City of Fremantle
6. **OWNER** Minister for Arts.
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**

• Register of Heritage Places:	Interim Entry	08/01/1999
	Permanent Entry	23/04/1999
• National Trust Classification:	Classified	28/10/1974
• Town Planning Scheme:	No. 3	-----
• Municipal Inventory:		-----
• Register of the National Estate:	Permanent	21/3/1978
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**  
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9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**  
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10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**  
*Customs House (fmr)*, a two-storey building constructed of Donnybrook stone in the Federation Free style, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:
 

constructed in 1908, the place was the first purpose built customs building in Fremantle and functioned as the main branch of the Customs Department of Western Australia from this time;

the place is one of a small number of surviving purpose-built customs houses in Western Australia and is a fine, substantial example of the early twentieth century work of the Public Works Department in the Federation Free style;

the site has the archaeological potential to yield information about the site's past use as the first major transshipment point in the colony (1829-1879), the first railway station in Fremantle (1880-1906), and a centre for customs operations (1906-1986);

situated on the corner of Cliff and Phillimore Streets, the place is a landmark building and is a key element of the streetscape. This intersection defines the entrance to Victoria Quay, the Fremantle Port Authority and the Aquaculture Centre;

the place contributes to the aesthetic qualities of Phillimore Street, a streetscape comprised of early twentieth century buildings;

the place has had a long association with the maritime history of Fremantle and recognition of its past uses contributes to the community's sense of place.