



**HERITAGE
COUNCIL**
OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 15424
2. **NAME** *Asquith Bridge (1949-52)*
OTHER NAME Asquith (Long Gully) Bridge
3. **LOCATION** Long Gully Road, Quindanning
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**

River bed of portion of the Murray River being unallocated Crown land, Main Roads of Western Australia (MRWA) Bridge No. 4559, portion of Lot 748 on Deposited Plan 136019 being part of Reserve 39822 and part of the land contained in Crown land Title Volume 3099 Folio 484, and portion of Wellington Location 4993 being part of State Forrest No. 14 as shown on Heritage Council of Western Australia Survey Drawing No. 15424 prepared by Midland Survey Services and dated 5 August 2005.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Shire of Boddington
6. **OWNER** State of Western Australia

As to MRWA Bridge 4559: Responsible Agency National Parks and Nature Conservation Authority
As to reserve 39822: Management Order to National Parks and Nature Conservation Authority
As to State Forrest No. 14 Responsible Agency Conservation Commission of Western Australia
As to State Forrest No. 14 Mining Lease to Alcoa of Australia Ltd
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**

• Register of Heritage Places:	Interim Entry	17/03/2006
	Permanent Entry	08/12/2006
• National Trust Classification:		-----
• Town Planning Scheme:		-----
• Municipal Inventory		Sept. 1995
• Register of the National Estate:		-----
• Large Timber Structures in WA		11/12/1998
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Asquith Bridge, a 28 span, 127.88 metres long, curved timber trestle construction railway bridge across the Murray River, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place is an outstanding example of the technical and design expertise of the Western Australian Government Railways and is one of the finest railway bridges built in the State;

the place is one of the last railway bridges of timber trestle construction built in Western Australia and one of the most substantial;

the place has notable aesthetic qualities, with the long curved trestle bridge towering above the Murray River contrasting with its bush setting, and providing picturesque views from its high elevation;

the place is associated with the post-World War II development of the once extensive network of Western Australian Government Railways;

the place is now used as a pedestrian bridge as part of the well known Bibbulmun Track, a 965 kilometre walking track which extends from Kalamunda to Walpole. It is valued by the local community, tourists visiting the area and those who use the Bibbulmun Track; and,

the place is important to the development of the timber industry in the Serpentine-Jarrahdale to Dwellingup area as it was built to transport logs, via railway, over the Murray River, to Dwellingup Mill which it continued to do until 1961 when Dwellingup Mill was destroyed by fire.

The modern pedestrian railings are of no significance.