



REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 6126
2. **NAME** *Northam Army Camp* (1934-1960s; 1997)
OTHER NAME Department of Immigration Accommodation Centre
3. **LOCATION** Great Eastern Highway, Burlong
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
Avon Locations 28243 and 28244 being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 225 Folio 69A and Avon Location 28465, being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 1359 Folio 239.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Shire of Northam
6. **OWNER** The Commonwealth of Australia
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**

• Register of Heritage Places:	Interim Entry	08/01/1999
	Permanent Entry	07/01/2000
• National Trust Classification:		-----
• Town Planning Scheme:		-----
• Municipal Inventory:	Adopted	25/02/1998
• Register of the National Estate:		-----
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**
Northam Army Camp, a military training camp, consisting of about 70 timber-framed buildings, a parade ground with stone retaining walls, a network of bitumen and gravel roads, and the footings of a number of buildings no longer extant, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place was the main training camp for the special forces in Western Australia during World War Two and many historically important army units were trained there, including the 10th Light Horse and its successors, and the Second Australian Imperial Force;

the place was the first 'home' for over 15,000 immigrants who arrived in Western Australia after World War Two and who greatly changed the social fabric of not only Northam, but also the State and Nation,

the place held approximately 3,500 Italian Prisoners of War during World War Two, who contributed to the home front effort; and

the place and its associations with the army, Prisoners of War and immigrants has had an enormous impact on the development of Northam in particular and the State in general.

Northam Army Camp extends over a considerable area of land, on both sides of the Great Eastern Highway. Only the area south of the Great Eastern Highway has been included in this assessment and the area comprising the entrance, parade ground, barracks and workshops has been identified as a zone of primary significance. Not all the buildings and structures have been identified; this would require a thorough physical inspection.

The section of the *Northam Army Camp* which is located north of Great Eastern Highway and has not been included in this assessment, includes a rifle range and sewerage ponds.