



**HERITAGE
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OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES PERMANENT ENTRY

1. **DATA BASE No.** 03711
2. **NAME** *Electricity Substation, Fremantle (fmr)* (1933)
OTHER NAMES Fremantle Municipal Tramways and Electric Light
World of Energy; SECWA Museum Building (fmr)
3. **LOCATION** 12, 12A & 12B Parry Street, Fremantle
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
Lots 2 & 3 and portion of Lot 1 on Diagram 9418 being part of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume 2033 Folio 12, as shown labelled "M" on Deposited Plan 71479.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** City of Fremantle
6. **OWNER** Electricity Networks Corporation
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**
 - Register of Heritage Places: Interim Entry 08/07/2011
Permanent Entry 03/02/2012
 - National Trust Classification: Classified 09/05/1993
 - Town Planning Scheme: -----
 - Municipal Inventory: Adopted 14/10/2000
 - Register of the National Estate: -----
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**
Electricity Substation, Fremantle (fmr) (1933), comprising a double volume brick Electricity Substation (1933) in the Inter- War Functionalist style, and Outbuilding with adjoining Workshop (fmr) (1939) has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons;

the place is associated with the story of the provision of power in Western Australia, having been originally constructed for the 'Fremantle Municipal Tramways and Electric Lighting Board' and subsequently taken over as a Substation by the State Energy Commission in 1952;

the main Substation building is a fine example of a substantial industrial building constructed in the 1930s in the Inter-War Functionalist style, which demonstrates the characteristics of 1930s industrial architecture, being both practical, functional and aesthetically pleasing;

the place is valued by the local and wider community following its adaptation to an Energy Museum and an Energy Education Centre, which operated from 1989 until 2009, continuing the buildings long association with the story of the provision of power; and

the place played an important part in the development of the Port City of Fremantle in that it enabled the expansion of the tramway system, and later the subsequent increase in demand for electricity.

The New Substation, Outdoor Area 14, Pergola Area 16, brick boundary walls, gates, and internal fences and gates have little significance.