



# REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

## Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 03112
2. **NAME** *Kwinana Signal Box* (1959; 1967)  
**FORMER NAMES** Kwinana Box 'B', Koojedda Signal Box
3. **LOCATION** Kwinana Railway Marshalling Yards
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**  
Portion of Kwinana Lot 377, being a part of Crown Reserve 41462 and being part of the land comprised in Crown Land Title Volume 3034 Folio 819 defined in Heritage Council of Western Australia survey drawing No. 3112 prepared by Steffanoni Ewing & Cruickshank Pty Ltd.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Town of Kwinana
6. **OWNER** The Commissioner of Railways.
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Register of Heritage Places:</li> <li>• National Trust Classification:</li> <li>• Town Planning Scheme:</li> <li>• Municipal Inventory:</li> <li>• Register of the National Estate:</li> </ul>	<table border="0"> <tr> <td>Interim Entry</td> <td>24/00/2000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Permanent Entry</td> <td>13/07/2001</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>-----</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>-----</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>-----</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>-----</td> </tr> </table>	Interim Entry	24/00/2000	Permanent Entry	13/07/2001		-----		-----		-----		-----
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8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**  
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9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**  
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10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**  

*Kwinana Signal Box*, an elevated two-storey, timber framed, asbestos clad structure based on a steel support, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place is one of the few surviving signal cabins in Western Australia and the only one still operational and, as such, is representative of the multitude of signal cabins that were once common across the Western Australian Government Railways system;

the place demonstrates technological change in signalling methods and contains a diverse range of technologies, from the 1896 40 lever McKenzie and Holland No. 9 interlocking lever frame to the late 20<sup>th</sup> century electrical minimise panel;

the place is the only railway site with ten semaphore signal posts in the yard as part of the signalling technology associated with the lever frame in WA;

the place has historic links with the development of the Kwinana Industrial Area and with the former Eastern Railway due to its previous location at Koojedda;

the place demonstrates a previous way of life when the railways were a major form of transport for goods and passengers at the beginning of the twentieth century; and

the place has landmark value emphasized by its location adjacent to a major road.

Adjacent to the *Kwinana Signal Box* is a modern building housing relay equipment for the electronic panels and a small building housing a standby power plant. Both are essential to its current use, yet neither is considered to be of heritage significance. The relay components are a part of the modern signalling technology.