



**HERITAGE
COUNCIL**
OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

INTERIM ENTRY

1. **DATA BASE No.** **23992**
2. **NAME** *Metropolitan Sewerage Vents* comprising:
 - Cook Street Vent (1911)
 - Arthur Street Vent (c.1911)
 - Royal Street Vent (c.1911)
 - Stuart Street Vent (c.1913)
 - Hyde Park Vent (c.1918)
 - Gray Street Vent (c.1930)
3. **LOCATION**
 - Cook Street Vent — Cook Street, West Perth
 - Arthur Street Vent — Arthur Street, West Perth
 - Royal Street Vent — Royal Street, East Perth
 - Stuart Street Vent — Stuart Street, Northbridge
 - Hyde Park Vent — Hyde Park, William Street, Highgate
 - Gray Street Vent — Gray Street, Shenton Park
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
 1. Portion of Cook Street;
 2. Portion of Arthur Street;
 3. Portion of Railway Reserve;
 4. Portion of Lot 55 on Diagram 92488 being part of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume 2147 Folio 95;
 5. Portion of Lot 9 on Diagram 93902 being part of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume 2135 Folio 317;
 6. Portion of Stuart Street;
 7. Portion of Lot 637 on Deposited Plan 106031 being part of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume 1452 Folio 383;
 8. Portion of Gray Street.

as is defined in Heritage Council of Western Australia Curtilage Map P23992

The vents located within the City of Perth remain the assets of the Water Corporation.

5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** City of Perth, City of Vincent & City of Subiaco

6. **OWNER AT INTERIM REGISTRATION**

1. State of Western Australia (Statutory Authority: City of Perth)
2. State of Western Australia (Statutory Authority: City of Perth)
3. Public Transport Authority
4. State of Western Australia (Statutory Authority: Department of Lands)
5. Electricity Networks Corporation (T/A Western Power)
6. State of Western Australia (Statutory Authority: City of Vincent)
7. City of Vincent
8. State of Western Australia (Statutory Authority: City of Subiaco)

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7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**

- Register of Heritage Places: Interim Entry 2/4/2015
- National Trust Classification: -----
- Town Planning Scheme: -----
- Municipal Inventory: -----
- Register of the National Estate: -----

8. **ORDERS UNDER SECTION 38 OR 59 OF THE ACT**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

*Metropolitan Sewerage Vents*¹, a collection of six circular metal ventilation shafts approximately 9-15 metres (30-50 feet) high, with decorative cast iron bases, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the group provides rare evidence of the earliest establishment of a deep sewerage system for Perth (operational from 1911), a significant milestone in the development of Perth as a modern city;

the group is a small sample of surviving c.1911-1930 sewerage ventilation shafts, a once-common piece of infrastructure that appears to have largely been removed and/or forgotten across the country; and,

the group comprises six representative examples of the standard natural ventilation shafts erected for the Perth and Fremantle sewerage systems from 1911 to 1930, when decorative but functional cast iron work was used for these items of public infrastructure.

1.....This assessment utilises the following definitions for sewage and sewerage.
Sewage: water-carried waste in solution or suspension. It primarily refers to human waste, but also includes waste water from washing, food and other domestic or commercial uses, and surface runoff.
Sewerage: the system or infrastructure, including pipes, sewers, pumps and drains, used to convey sewage from homes and businesses to treatment facilities or other disposal areas.