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# Deer Park (Albion) Explosives Factory

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## Location

Western Highway,Deer Park, BRIMBANK CITY

## Municipality

BRIMBANK CITY

## Level of significance

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## Heritage Listing

Vic. War Heritage Inventory

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Construction dates 1940,

Hermes Number 126212

Property Number

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## Historical Australian Themes

Providing administrative structures and authorities - defence

## Usage/Former Usage

Vacant

## Veterans Description for Public

Built by ICI in 1941, for the wartime production of explosives, the Deer Park site was taken over by the Commonwealth in 1942. Since then, capacity has been redeployed to Mulwala, NSW (1988-91). In 1994, the

Deer Park Explosive Factory was proposed to be decontaminated, subdivided and sold.

The Second World War was a period of huge expansion for defence industries as Australia geared up for 'total war.' New factories and facilities were constructed as part of the munitions effort but the pre-war trend of locating nearly all defence industries in Victoria was actually reversed and the majority of new factories of this time were built in other states. There were many additions to existing facilities and scores of private firms turned over almost their entire production to war work for a few years. The manufacture and storage of explosives was greatly expanded during the war. Buildings built before 1942 were constructed in brick and after that time in concrete, timber, corrugated iron and asbestos.

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