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## State Offices



26494 State Offices

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### Location

15 Thompson St HAMILTON, Southern Grampians Shire

### Municipality

SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

### Level of significance

Stage 2 study complete

### Heritage Listing

Southern Grampians Shire

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### Statement of Significance

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**SIGNIFICANCE:** »focus for state government administration in Hamilton.

#### **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

State Government Offices  
15 Martin Street

These public offices built in 1960 are an excellent example of the PWD's classic 1960s' design. The building shows a major stylistic advance from the neighbouring Police Station. The design introduces new materials, there

is an abstraction of detail and a true International style form. The porch is directly Miesian in form, detail and materials. ([i]) The building is significantly intact and in excellent condition. The severe planting of *Cupressus macrocarpa*, Monterey Cypress along the Thompson Street elevation reinforces the geometric refinement of the building. They are in remarkable contrast to the shrub roses in the nature strip.

The building stands on one of the oldest sites in Hamilton this being the place where in the 1840s a hut was erected for the police magistrate with barracks for a detachment of mounted police. ([ii]) The site has remained the focus of civil administration ever since. The building as the keystone of the whole administrative complex is of local significance.

[i] The German/American architect Mies van der Rohe was a founder of the International style.

[ii] Garden, D, *Hamilton*, p 18.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - City of Hamilton Conservation Study, Timothy Hubbard with Carlotta Kellaway & Michael Looker (plus Francis Punch), 1991;
Construction dates	1960,
Hermes Number	26494
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

### MATERIALS:

**Roof:** »steel tray decking

**Walls:** »cream brick

**Dressings:** »none

**Plinth:** »none

**Windows:** »aluminium

**Paving:** »concrete

Other: »copper spouting  
steel & aluminium porch

### Historical Australian Themes

Exploration & early settlement: First site

Administration: State government

### Integrity

INTEGRITY: E

### Physical Conditions

CONDITION: E

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