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# FORMER JOHNSTON STREET CABLE TRAM ENGINE HOUSE TRACK PRECINCT

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## Location

95-105 JOHNSTON STREET FITZROY, YARRA CITY

## Municipality

YARRA CITY

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7822-2224

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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## Statement of Significance

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The remains in the tram track precinct are highly significant as they display how Melbourne's cable tram system operated.

The Melbourne cable tram network was constructed by the Melbourne Tramways Trust during 1885-91. It was considered to be the world's largest cable tramway network under single ownership.

Archaeological  
Significance

The precinct in the streets outside the former cable tram engine house buildings has potential to contain significant 19th century archaeological remains (such as double tram tracks, wood blocked and/or stone setts paving, deep concrete cable tunnels centred under each track, inspection manholes and cast iron covers, large brick pits for the horizontal sheaves, and possibly small traces of equipment). They are less likely to be intact for sites where the cable tramway was replaced by an electric tramway because the cable tram infrastructure was unsuitable for electric trams and was generally removed for construction of the electric tracks.

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