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# FORMER NORTH MELBOURNE CABLE TRAM CAR SHED TRACK PRECINCT

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## Location

HOWARD STREET NORTH MELBOURNE, MELBOURNE CITY

## Municipality

MELBOURNE CITY

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7822-2265

## 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.

This place is included on the Victorian Heritage Inventory, for its potential to contain historical archaeological remains associated with the settlement and growth of early Melbourne. Under the terms of the Heritage Act 2017 there is protection for all historical archaeology sites and objects in the state.

Please visit the Heritage Victoria website to find out more about the Heritage Inventory.

Archaeological  
Significance

The extensive Melbourne cable tramway system was installed in 1885-91. It was vested in the newly formed Melbourne & Metropolitan Tramways Board (M&MTB) in 1919 and the M&MTB soon began a program to replace the cable network with electric tramways and to build new electric lines. In 1925, the M&MTB built a new car shed in Howard Street North Melbourne to replace the original North Melbourne tram shed (Flemington Road) which was closed to allow the cable line in Flemington Road between Flemington Bridge and Abbotsford Street to be electrified. The Howard Street shed was closed in 1935 when the remainder of the North Melbourne cable line was electrified.

The Former Howard Street shed has the potential to contain evidence of significant 20th century archaeological remains such as double tram tracks, wooded blocked and/or stone stets paving, deep concrete cable tunnels, inspection man holes and cast iron covers, large brick pits for the horizontal sheaves and possibly small traces of equipment.

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