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# City of Brunswick Electricity Supply Substation (former)



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## Location

HOWARTH STREET, and 14 FRITH STREET, BRUNSWICK, MORELAND CITY

## Municipality

MERRI-BEK CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO600

## Heritage Listing

Merri-bek City

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - May 17, 2023

### What is significant?

The City of Brunswick Electricity Supply transformer station (former) located at Howarth Street, Brunswick.

### How is it significant?

The City of Brunswick Electricity Supply transformer station (former) located at Howarth Street, Brunswick is of local historic and aesthetic significance to the City of Merri-bek.

This electricity substation forms part of the Brunswick Electricity Supply Electricity Substations serial listing - Hermes No. 206422. Please refer to the serial listing citation for the statement of significance for the serial listing.

### Why is it significant?

Of historical significance as a representative example of an intact and functioning part of the infrastructure supplying Brunswick with electricity since c.1914. It demonstrates the important role of local Councils in the supply and distribution of electricity in the period prior to the formation of the SEC in 1918. (AHC Criterion A.4)

Of significance as a representative and intact example of a public utility building that assists in demonstrating the range of architectural styles used in the construction of substations and similar buildings in Brunswick, and regionally, across Melbourne. (AHC Criterion D.2)

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| Heritage Study/Consultant | Moreland - Moreland City Council: Local Heritage Places Review, Context Pty Ltd, 2004; Moreland Heritage Nominations Study, Extent Heritage, 2022; |
| Other Names               | Citipower transformer substation,  |
| Hermes Number             | 61802  |
| Property Number           |  |

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## Physical Description 1

The City of Brunswick Electricity Supply transformer station (former) at Howarth Street, Brunswick is a simple brick building with some decorative brick detailing on side walls and top of front of building. The square bellcast tower with painted louvres features a galvanised iron hipped roof. The building is hard up against a large factory (Fletcher Jones), and appears to be an active CitiPower high voltage substation.

## Physical Conditions

Frith Street is in fair condition, with a large crack on the north facade currently braced, and discolouration beneath the roof spouting that does not allow water to clear the brick facade, with some evidence of falling damp on the north-east corner of the facade. The adjoining building to the south has failed guttering that is releasing water onto the substation roof, likely adding to water problems. There is weathering evident on the timber of the ventilation box.

## **Integrity**

Frith Street (S10) has an unsympathetic replacement door and steel bracing affixed. It retains high integrity overall.

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