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# Former Tramway & Omnibus Company Building



B0455 Omnibus & Tramways Building

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## Location

669-675 Bourke Street and 20-38 Godfrey street,, MELBOURNE VIC 3000 - Property No B0455

## Municipality

MELBOURNE CITY

## Level of significance

State

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0785

## Heritage Listing

National Trust

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## Statement of Significance

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This building was constructed in 1891 as the new office for the privately-owned Melbourne Tramway and Omnibus Company. The company formed in 1868 and was re-constructed as the Melbourne Tramway & Omnibus Co in 1877 from the Melbourne Omnibus Co which was formed in 1869. It held a monopoly over the running of trams on the inner city's cable tram system from 1885-1916 and the office was constructed at one of the city termini. Designed by architects Twentymen and Askew, it is in a Gothic Revival style similar to the more elaborate Olderfleet-Rialto row in Collins Street. The building is of great significance for its association with the development of Melbourne's cable tramway system, at the time the largest in the world. A small portion of the

cable tram track remained buried in the asphalt outside in Bourke Street for some years before it was removed. .  
Classified: 06/06/1994

Hermes Number 64377

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