Customs House

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Location

2 Leslie Street, ECHUCA VIC 3305 - Property No B1200

Municipality

CAMPASPE SHIRE

Level of significance

State

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0144

Heritage Listing

National Trust

Statement of Significance

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AHC Statement of Significance

The old Echuca Customs House was erected in 1884 by the Public Works Department. The working drawings were executed by J M Harvey under the direction of G Watson. The single storey structure in exposed polychrome brickwork has a hipped roof clad in slates and surmounted by iron finials. Before Federation, customs duties were charged by each of the three colonies served by Murray traffic, both on goods being imported and on some passing interstate.

This is a superb reminder of pre-federation trading between the States and survives from when Echuca was a bustling river trading port. It is a fine example of late nineteenth century Public Works Department design and incorporates the Department's distinctive motif of polychrome banded brickwork and round arch windows with pointed hood mounds and incised keystones. The fine detailing, joinery and workmanship are particularly notable. The building is an outstanding element of the fine river port precinct. The building is intact and in good condition. It is now used as a residence.

Of national significance.

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