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# Power Generating System & Former Tram Sheds

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## Location

75 Hargreaves Street & 4 Lansell Street,, BENDIGO VIC 3550 - Property No B3633

## Municipality

GREATER BENDIGO CITY

## Level of significance

Regional

## Heritage Listing

National Trust

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## Statement of Significance

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The overriding importance of the power house is derived from its close proximity to and functional relationship with the Bendigo tramway system. This system is unique at the national level as the only surviving intact operating provincial tramway system in the country. It is of international importance as the home of the Birney Safety car and currently operates the vehicles belonging formerly to such cities as Melbourne, Geelong and Adelaide.

As the powerhouse source for this system from its inception, the building contributes substantially to the intactness of the system, a fact brought home dramatically by its situation in view of the tramway depot. Its presence, therefore, enhances the visitor's interpretation of this depot site which, as noted above, is important from an industrial and social history standpoint at the local, state, national and international levels.

Inside, the architecture of the power generation room is of note, the use of arcading in low relief and tuckpointed brickwork being an unnecessary cost to the Electric Supply Company and one, therefore, which speaks volumes for the degree of technological advancement of the plant at the time of construction and of the prestige arising therefrom. The absence of the equipment itself is a significant loss.

Classified: 28/11/1988

Hermes Number 70093

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