
Point Wilson Explosives Area

Location

Point Wilson, GREATER GEELONG CITY

Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

Level of significance

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Heritage Listing

Vic. War Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - July 15, 2004

Point Wilson Defence Natural Area (Commonwealth), Lara

This is an internationally significant wetland and waterfowl habitat on the central-western coast of Port Phillip Bay near Geelong. It is an important part of the Western Port Phillip Bay Ramsar Area and has Indigenous significance for the local Wathaurong people. It is currently used by the Department of Defence to store armaments.

Construction dates 1950,

Hermes Number 126462

Property Number

Physical Description 1

Jetty and wharf. The existing 2,700 metre steel and concrete jetty and wharf structure was constructed in the late 1950s, with an estimated life of about 40 years. Explosive ordnance is transported by truck to the wharf and loaded onto the vessels by cranes. Shipping containers are unloaded from commercial ships directly onto semi-

trailers and transported to the on-shore complex.

The four existing explosives storage and handling buildings were constructed in 1981.

Usage/Former Usage

Commonwealth Defence site

Veterans Description for Public

The Point Wilson Explosives Area is a Commonwealth site of 326 hectares, situated on the northern shore of the Geelong Arm of Port Phillip Bay between Melbourne and Geelong. The site is 60 kilometres by road from Melbourne, 25 kilometres by road from Geelong and is accessible from the Princes Highway, eight kilometres to the Northwest. It is currently used by the Department of Defence to store armaments.

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