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# SPOTSWOOD PUMPING STATION WHARF PILES AND MOORING CHAINS



Spotswood Pumping Station  
Wharf Piles Williamstown  
May 2003



Spotswood Pumping Station  
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May 2003 BoatLanding



Spotswood Pumping Station  
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May 2003 Mooring Cables



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May 2003 Overflow Outlet  
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## Location

100 THE STRAND SPOTSWOOD, HOBSONS BAY CITY

## Municipality

HOBSONS BAY CITY

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7822-0532

## Heritage Listing

Interpretation of Site      Wharf used to supply coal to the sewerage pumping station engine. The chain and iron cable that protrudes from the embankment (approximately 600 m to the north) may have been used to moor vessels along side a former wharf that may have existed at the site. Further historical investigation is needed for this site. Two sewer trunk lines are also known to connect to the former pumping station under the river.

The piles and mooring chains were the only examples related to a sewerage station fuel delivery pier. Spotswood pumping station is listed on the Victorian Heritage Register.

Hermes Number      13857

Property Number

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## History

The Spotswood Pumping Station was opened in the 1890's to alleviate the Melbourne's sewerage pollution problem. The Melbourne Metropolitan Board of Works established three main trunk sewerage lines which led under the river to the Spotswood, where the sewerage was pumped up to a level that facilitated gravitational drainage to the Werribee Treatment Plant. The first steam engine at the site was put into operation in 1897, and the station was converted to electricity in 1921. The pumping station led to an immediate increase in public health conditions within the city as disease promoting conditions were alleviated. The works represented the largest civil engineering undertaking in the 19th century in Australia. Coal was delivered to power the station's pumps via the river front access, which would indicate that a wharf or jetty was once constructed on the foreshore. Two sewer trunk lines are also known to connect to the former pumping station under the river.

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