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# Wollaston Suspension Bridge



B1706 Wollaston Suspension  
Bridge Warrnambool

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## Location

Wollaston Road, WARRNAMBOOL VIC 3280 - Property No B1706

## Municipality

WARRNAMBOOL CITY

## Level of significance

State

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1453

## Heritage Listing

National Trust

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## Statement of Significance

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The Wollaston Cable Suspension bridge at Warrnambool was erected across the Merri River in 1890 to facilitate access to the Wollaston Estate of Sir Walter Manifold.

The design and construction of this bridge, which consists of a timber deck and superstructure suspended from steel cables anchored across square tapered stone towers to approach abutments, is attributed to Warrnambool contractor D Dobson.

The Wollaston Bridge is one of the most important cable suspension bridges erected in Victoria in the nineteenth

century. The bridge, which was privately funded by noted district pastoralist and public figure, Sir Walter Manifold, has successfully withstood the ravages of successive floods since 1890 and survives as a sophisticated engineering structure of remarkable span and noteworthy aesthetic quality. In 1967, the Wollaston Bridge was replaced by a new reinforced concrete structure located adjacent. The Cable suspension bridge is maintained in good condition..

Recorded: 08/09/1960

Classified: Regional: 13/02/1964

Upgraded: Classified: State: 08/09/1966

Confirmed: Classified: State: 26/10/1998

Hermes Number 69948

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