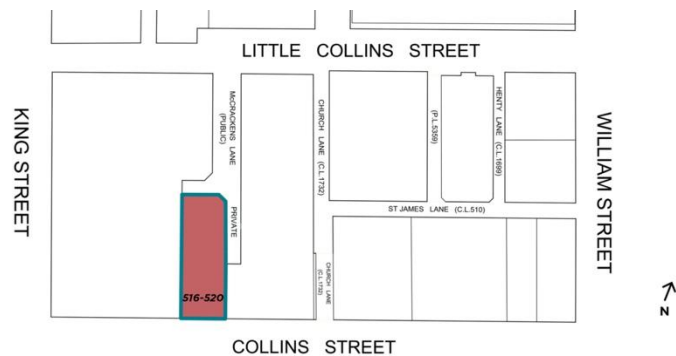


STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Heritage Place: Office building



PS ref no: HO1326



What is significant?

The office building at 516-520 Collins Street, a multi-storey commercial building constructed c1974.

Elements that contribute to the significance of the place include (but are not limited to):

- The building's original external form, materials and detailing
- The building's high level of integrity to its original design.

Later alterations made to the lower levels of the building are not significant.

How it is significant?

The office building at 516-520 Collins Street is of historical and representative significance to the City of Melbourne.

Why it is significant?

Constructed in c1974, the office building at 516-520 Collins Street has a clear association with the postwar building boom which transformed central Melbourne into a modern high-rise city. The design of these commercial buildings from the late 1950s to the mid-1970s – many of which were architect designed – was driven by the commercial demands and the prestige afforded by a dominant city presence (Criterion A).

The office building at 516-520 Collins Street is a fine and highly intact representative example of a Post-War Modernist commercial building. The building strongly reflects the style which was popular in the 1960s through to the mid 1970s, particularly in central Melbourne. Constructed as a 16-storey structure, the building clearly demonstrates typical characteristics of a later postwar commercial

building, including a strong horizontal emphasis and highly distinctive spandrels. These demonstrate important aspects of the Modernist style (Criterion D).

Primary source

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