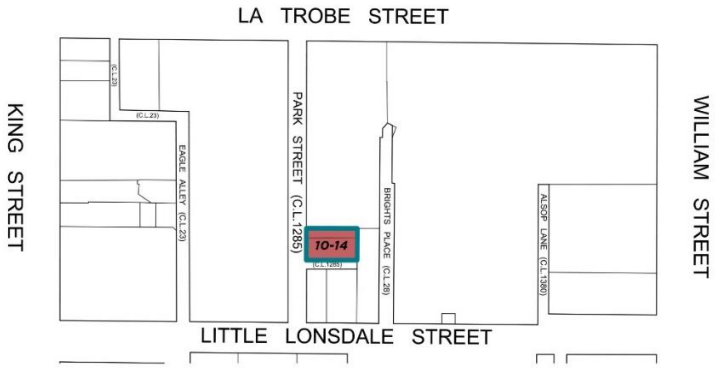
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Heritage Place: Former Melbourne City Council Substation 	**PS ref no:** HO1257 

What is significant?

The electrical substation at 10-14 Park Street Melbourne, built in 1928 for the Melbourne City Council Electricity Supply Department.

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;
- Loadbearing face brickwork;
- Gabled stucco parapet with oculus window and timber ventilator
- Moulded string course;
- Pattern and size of original fenestration (Park Street (west) and south elevations); and
- Steel-framed window and ventilation panels (Park Street (west) elevation).

How it is significant?

10-14 Park Street is of local historic and representative significance to the City of Melbourne.

Why it is significant?

The electrical substation at 10-14 Park Street is historically significant for its association with the development of services provided to Melbourne's evolving electricity system. Constructed in 1928, the building still operates as a substation for Citipower. It demonstrates the expansion of the electricity supply system established in 1894 by the Melbourne City Council Electricity Supply Department, in particular to accommodate the conversion of alternating to direct current for use by trains and other users. (Criterion A)

10-14 Park Street is representative of an Interwar substation similar to others at 620-648 Little Bourke Street, 21 Market Lane and 12-14 Guildford Lane. These buildings share a common history in the development of electricity supply in the City of Melbourne and an industrial aesthetic that contributes to the richness of building form and small scale of the Hoddle Grid, also relating to the scale of 470-474 Little Lonsdale Street. Attributes of the building are its red brick walls and stucco mouldings,

parapet and original door and window to the main façade. The building is enhanced by a high level of integrity and is legible as an industrial building in a laneway landscape. (Criterion D)

Primary source

Hoddle Grid Heritage Review (Context & GJM Heritage, 2020)