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General Manager
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Dear Michael,

Removal of former substation No 178, Croydon Park, from Ausgrid's Section 170 Register

Ausgrid is writing to notify Burwood Council that ownership has transferred for the former substation No 178, Georges River Road, Croydon Park. This property was previously listed as having local heritage significance on Ausgrid's s170 register.

Ausgrid has delisted the above mentioned property from its section 170 register. Listing the property on the Burwood Local Environmental Plan 2012 should be considered.

If you require any additional information please contact Michelle Quinn on (02) 9981 9944.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michelle Quinn".

Michelle Quinn
Senior Environmental Officer



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Electricity Substation No. 178

Item details

Name of item:	Electricity Substation No. 178
Other name/s:	#178 'Boyle Street', 'Electricity Dept. Sub-station No. 178'
Type of item:	Built
Group/Collection:	Utilities - Electricity
Category:	Electricity Transformer/Substation
Primary address:	185 Georges River Road, Croydon Park, NSW 2133
Local govt. area:	Burwood

Whole site - large rear yard suitable for expansion if required.

Boundary:

All addresses

Street Address	Suburb/town	LGA	Parish	County	Type
185 Georges River Road	Croydon Park	Burwood			Primary Address

Owner/s

Organisation Name	Owner Category	Date Ownership Updated
Ausgrid	State Government	

Statement of significance:

The Boyle Street substation is a small domestic scaled Interwar structure designed and built by the Municipal Council of Sydney. It is designed to resemble a single storey residence to better blend in with the surrounding dwellings. The substation is typical of those built by the Municipal Council of Sydney in the 1920s during the rapid roll-out of electricity to Sydney's suburbs.

Date significance updated: 07 Mar 07

Note: There are incomplete details for a number of items listed in NSW. The Heritage Division intends to develop or upgrade statements of significance and other information for these items as resources become available.

Description

Designer/Maker:	Municipal Council of Sydney
Builder/Maker:	Municipal Council of Sydney
Construction years:	1927-1927
Physical description:	The Boyle Street substation is a domestic scaled building designed to be unobtrusive in its suburban environment. It is set back from the street alignment behind a contemporary low brick wall. Stylistic elements include a flat roof, double fronting, tall narrow windows and bold cement rendered window sills and architraves. A band of cement render applied to several brick courses below the eaves, and tuck pointing are used as decorative features. There are two simple double timber doors, and ventilation panels with soldier coursed lintels along the side walls.

The Boyle Street substation is constructed in face brick, with reinforced concrete window sills and cornices. It has cement render name plaques and eaves banding, and a metal roof. The low boundary wall is constructed with brick pillars and panels of bull-nosed capped brick walling.

Physical condition and/or Archaeological potential:

Minor cracking to brickwork at right side of front door. Minor graffiti.

Modifications and dates:

Date condition updated: 07 Mar 07

New clerestory added to roof. Roof, gutters and downpipes replaced. Front gate is missing. Modern steel mesh fences at sides. Evidence of a former decorative garden bed at rear. The substation was decommissioned in October 2007. The internal equipment was archivally recorded prior to removal for disposal.

Current use:

Electricity Substation

History

Historical notes:

The Boyle Street substation is a purpose designed and built structure constructed in 1927. White cement rendered panels above the doorways carry the Municipal Council of Sydney logo, and "ELECTRICITY DEPT. SUB-STATION No. 178" respectively, in relief.

Historic themes

Australian theme (abbrev)	New South Wales theme	Local theme
4. Settlement-Building settlements, towns and cities	Utilities-Activities associated with the provision of services, especially on a communal basis	Distribution of electricity-

Assessment of significance

SHR Criteria a)

[Historical significance]

Historically important as an example of the rapid roll-out of electricity by the Municipal Council of Sydney to the suburbs of Sydney in the 1920s and 1930s.

SHR Criteria c)

[Aesthetic significance]

A good examples of a small domestic scaled Interwar industrial structure designed to integrate unobtrusively with the surrounding residential structures.

SHR Criteria f)

[Rarity]

One of a number of substations built by the Municipal Council of Sydney during the 1920s and 1930s.

Integrity/Intactness Good. Minor alterations only.

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Assessment criteria:

Items are assessed against the  **State Heritage Register (SHR) Criteria** to determine the level of significance. Refer to the Listings below for the level of statutory protection.

Recommended management:

The building contributes to the local character. A Conservation Assessment should identify changes that will not adversely affect significance before any works are planned. External character should be conserved. Internal changes are acceptable. Continuing care & maintenance are essential.

Listings

Heritage Listing	Listing Title	Listing Number	Gazette Date	Gazette Number	Gazette Page
Heritage Act - s.170 NSW State agency heritage register	Ausgrid Heritage Register	3430275	01 Nov 94		

Study details

Title	Year	Number	Author	Inspected by	Guidelines used
Sydney Electricity S170 Heritage and Conservation Register	1994	PMIS 472	Schwager Brooks and Partners Pty Ltd		

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EnergyAustralia Heritage Register Review	2007		MacLaren North	M north	Y e s

References, internet links & images

Type	Author	Year	Title	Internet Links
Written	M North	2007	Archival Recording of Substation No 178, Croydon Park	
Written	Wilkenfeld and Spearitt	2004	Electrifying Sydney	

Note: internet links may be to web pages, documents or images.



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