**Lambton Water Pumping Station**

**Location**
Lot 2 Newcastle Rd, Lambton NSW 2299

**Description:**
The Lambton Water Pumping Station is a large brick built building with painted rendered details, string course above brick and base, oblong in shape, with an open transformer yard to the east. Painted rendered banding coincides with the sill and head of windows. A porch to the north has a decorative gable on which is written, in bronze letters with green enamel infill, "1946. HDW Board. Lambton Pumping Station".

The roof over the main body of the building is hipped colorbond, without gutters, whilst the porch has a flat roof. The fascia cover is recent and colorbond, with an unpainted fibrous cement soffit, which has a rendered panel at the underside.

The building has an ornamental brick and precast doorway, with a recent flush door. The windows on the pumping station are covered over, however the windows to the adjacent transformer bay are exposed, double-sash windows.

There is a drainage channel at the perimeter of the property, a downpipe on the east, and a slight loss of paint to the underside of the rendered plinth due to moisture.

**Significance:**
The Lambton WPS is a well-detailed, large-scale water pumping facility located in a prominent position on a major road into Newcastle. The item has high integrity and continues in service for its original function.

**Historical Notes:**
In 1949-50 a new pumping house was installed at Lambton Reservoir. The existing, No. 2 pumping plant, was removed from the old Pump House and transferred to the new Pump House, and a new, additional, pumping unit was ordered for installation.

**Physical Condition:**
Good overall condition. There is evidence of disrupted masonry to the north east of the transformer bay.

**Recommended Management:**
- This item contributes to local character and should be conserved.
- Original details should be maintained including doors, windows and original signage.
- New materials should be sympathetic to the nature and character of the original building.
- In the event of major proposed changes, prepare a Conservation Management Strategy and undertake an archival recording.
- Wherever possible, changes should be restricted to the interior of the building.
- Routine maintenance of existing fabric is essential.

**References:**
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Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board, Annual Reports, 1897-98 to 1937-38.

Studies:
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Listings:
1 Heritage Act - s.170 NSW State agency heritage register:
   Listing date: . Reference Number:
2 Local Environmental Plan: Lambton Pumping Station
   Listing date: 8/08/2003. Reference Number:
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