

**BUILDING TITLE:** State Offices **BUILDING ADDRESS:** 15 Thompson St  
**LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:** A || B || C |X| D || E || **BUILDING TYPE:** public offices  
**DESIGNATION:** HBR Reg No File # AHC File # NT File # Class || Rec ||  
**CONSERVATION AREA:** Botanic Gardens **LEVEL OF STREETScape SIGNIFICANCE:** 1 || 2 || 3 |X|

**STYLE:** International

**CONSTRUCTION DATE & ALTERATIONS:**

1. 1960
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**Sources:**

foundation stone

**MATERIALS:**

**Roof:** steel tray decking  
**Walls:** cream brick  
**Dressings:** none  
**Plinth:** none  
**Windows:** aluminium  
**Paving:** concrete  
**Other:** copper spouting  
steel & aluminium porch

**SURVEY DATE:** 9/3/91 **NEG FILE:** 3/9 **REPORTER:** tfh

**INTEGRITY:** E |X| G || F || P || **NOTABLE FEATURES:**

**CONDITION:** E |X| G || F || P ||

**SIGNIFICANCE:** focus for state government administration in Hamilton.

**ALTERATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**Appropriate:** Rec **Inappropriate:** Rec

none apparent

none apparent

O=reinstate original design S=reinstate sympathetic alternative R=remove RAM=remove by approved method

**SIGNIFICANT OWNERS/TENANTS:**

**ARCHITECTS/BUILDERS:**

**TITLE:**

State Government

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Police

Reserve

Ministry of Housing & Construction

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## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

State Government Offices  
15 Martin Street

These public offices built in 1960 are an excellent example of the PWD's classic 1960s' design. The building shows a major stylistic advance from the neighbouring Police Station. The design introduces new materials, there is an abstraction of detail and a true International style form. The porch is directly Miesian in form, detail and materials. (i) The building is significantly intact and in excellent condition. The severe planting of *Cupressus macrocarpa*, Monterey Cypress along the Thompson Street elevation reinforces the geometric refinement of the building. They are in remarkable contrast to the shrub roses in the nature strip.

The building stands on one of the oldest sites in Hamilton this being the place where in the 1840s a hut was erected for the police magistrate with barracks for a detachment of mounted police. (ii) The site has remained the focus of civil administration ever since. The building as the keystone of the whole administrative complex is of local significance.

### ASSOCIATED HISTORIC THEMES

Exploration & early settlement: First site  
Administration: State government

### ASSOCIATED HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Police Station, 13 Thompson Street  
Court house, 15 Martin Street  
Second Policeman's residence, 9 Thompson Street

### REFERENCES

Garden, D, *Hamilton*, Nth Melb, 1984.

### FOOTNOTES

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- i The German/American architect Mies van der Rohe was a founder of the International style.  
ii Garden, D, *Hamilton*, p 18.