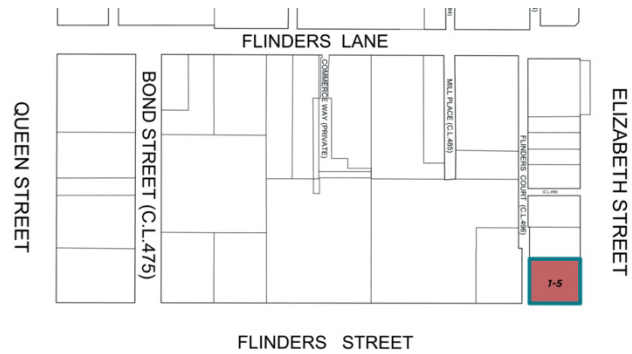**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE: Former Hosie's Hotel (1-5 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne), April 2022**

Heritage Place: Former Hosie's Hotel	**PS ref no:** HO1327

What is significant?

The Former Hosie's Hotel, 1-5 Elizabeth Street, a multi-storey hotel building constructed in 1954-56.

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 street level facade are not significant.

How it is significant?

The Former Hosie's Hotel at 1-5 Elizabeth Street is of historical and representative significance to the City of Melbourne.

Why it is significant?

Constructed in 1954-56 to a design by Mussen Mackay & Potter, the Former Hosie's Hotel has a clear association with the postwar building boom which transformed central Melbourne into a modern high-rise city. Built in preparation for the Olympic Games in Melbourne in 1956, the Former Hosie's Hotel appears to be one of only two new hotels constructed in central Melbourne in the 1950s (Criterion A).

The Former Hosie's Hotel is a fine and highly intact representative example of a Post-War Modernist commercial hotel building. The building strongly reflects the style which was emerging in the mid-1950s and was popular in the late 1950s, particularly in central Melbourne. Constructed to the prevailing 40m (132 foot) height limit of the time, the Former Hosie's Hotel clearly demonstrates typical characteristics of a 1950s structure with a grid-like south-facing curtain wall façade and contrasting east-facing solid masses, as well as the use of materials such as aluminium window frames, sashes and spandrel facings and ceramic tile cladding. These demonstrate important aspects of the Post-War Modernist style (Criterion D).

Primary source

Hoddle Grid Heritage Review (Context & GJM Heritage, 2020) (updated March 2022)