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# HISTORICAL RESEARCH: INGLEWOOD INN, INGLEWOOD

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Thus, the small township of Inglewood (which was not listed as a postal town until 1869) appears to have taken its name from the inn which was the focus of the settlement. The inn received its trading license in September, 1858, and the licensee was John Randall, who rented the hotel from Deacon in the years 1858-60 and 1862. Its main function was as a stopping place for travellers on the road to Gumeracha; "The "Inglewood" was on the route of Mr. Rounsevell's coaches to Gumeracha. At first there was only a daily service. Later, about the time when Hill and Company took over, coaches left Adelaide morning and afternoon, meeting in the Houghton and Inglewood area .... The two floors (of the inn) held the licensee and family, kitchen, bar, licensee's private lounge, and two bedrooms. Part of what is now the lounge was sheltered tethering for patrons' horses".

Even in 1954, the population of Inglewood was still only 110 but Inglewood had retained its 'historic inn' license enabling it to trade seven days a week. The main importance of the inn lies in its positioning on the new North Eastern road whose route had been officially gazetted in November, 1854. The route bypassed the village of Houghton and hence the "Travellers' Rest" inn which had been established since 1842. Therefore, a new "stopping-place" was required and Firman Deacon recognised the opportunity to build an inn to cater for the traffic on the new road.

#### Sources:

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#### GUMERACHA HERITAGE SURVEY

Survey Place No:

LH 09

Site Description:

Inglewood Inn

Main North East Road INGLEWOOD SA 5133

#### STATEMENT OF HERITAGE VALUE:

## Architectural -

The front facade of this building is constructed of coursed dressed sandstone, with other walls of random rubble stonework. The doors and multi-paned casement windows on the facade of the building are symmetrically placed. Recent alterations have compromised the integrity of the building.

#### Historical -

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Location:

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AMG Reference:

2961 614.420

Description:

Stone Hotel

Allotment

Land Description:

Section No.

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Certificate of Title

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LGA:

District Council of Gumeracha

Owner:

Brown Taylor Investments

C/- Inglewood Inn

INGLEWOOD SA 5133

Heritage Status:

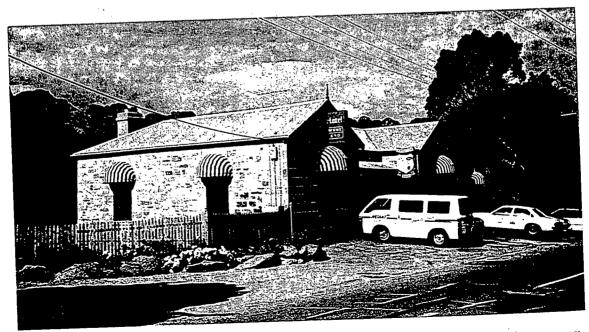
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REGISTER NOMINATION:

- INGLEWOOD INN, NORTH EAST ROAD, INGLEWOOD

# SUMMARY

This report is prepared as part of the Register Sub Committee's programme of evaluating National Estate Items.

Architecturally, this Inn is important because it is a simple and well constructed building with a strong domestic and hence "welcoming" appearance.

Historically, the Inglewood Inn is significant because of its association with the development of the Main North East Road in the mid/late 1850's as one of the main transport routes out of Adelaide.

Environmentally, this building is a well-known landmark which establishes and maintains the local mid Nineteenth Century character of Inglewood.

The Integrity is fair to poor, as numerous external additions and unsympathetic internal alterations have been made.

## RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Inglewood Inn be included upon the Register of State Heritage Items, and that it be categorized A2, A3, and H2.

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SENIOR HISTORIC ARCHITECT

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|   | PERIOD<br>1852-18         | PERIOD THEME<br>1852-1883 |   |   |                          |   | • | <del></del> | - |  |
|   | COMPONENT                 |                           |   | COMMENT   | GRADING<br>E VG AG FP NA |   |   |             |   |  |
|   | Histo                     | iry                       |   |   |                          |   |   |             |   |  |
|   | 1.                        | Context                   |   | Associated with the development of the Main<br>North East Road in the mid-1850's.   |                          | * |   |             |   |  |
|   | 2.                        | Person/G                  | roup  | Built for F. Deacon, publican of Adelaide.  |                          |   |   | *           |   |  |
|   | 3.                        | Event                     |   | No Event  |                          |   |   |             | * |  |
|   | Architecture              |                           |   |   |                          |   |   |             | · |  |
|   |                           | Architec<br>Builder       | t   | -<br>-  |                          |   |   |             |   |  |
|   | 5.                        | Age                       | •   | Begun in 1857   |                          | * | : |             |   |  |
|   | 6.                        | Style                     |   | Early Victorian   |                          |   | * |             |   |  |
|   | 7.                        | Design                    |   | Attractive stone building, symmetrical about front facade. Built on two levels against hillside with single storeyed front facade facing the main road. |                          | * |   |             |   |  |
| : | 8.                        | Construc                  | tion  | Dimensioned sandstone front facade, coursed rubble walls elsewhere.   |                          |   | * |             |   |  |
|   | 9.                        | Interior                  |   | Major structural and cosmetic changes have recently been made.  |                          |   |   | *           |   |  |
|   | Envir                     | onment                    |   |   |                          | 1 |   |             |   |  |
|   | 10.                       | Continui                  | ty  | Establishes and maintains the dominant character of the area.   |                          | * |   |             |   |  |
|   | 11.                       | Local Ch                  | aracter   | Important in maintaining mid Nineteenth Century character.  |                          |   | * |             |   |  |
|   | 12.                       | Landmark                  |   | A familiar building in the township.  |                          | * |   |             |   |  |
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|     | <u>Integrity</u>                                   |   |   |   |                         |            |      |     |  |  |  |
|     | 13. Alterati                                       | ons   | Has suffered structural and cosmetic changes and unsympathetic additions. |   |                         |            | *    |     |  |  |  |
|     | 14. Conditio                                       | n   | Building is in good structural condition.                                 |   |                         | *          |      |     |  |  |  |
|     | Capability fo                                      | r Reuse   |   |   |                         |            |      |     |  |  |  |
|     | 15. Compatib                                       | ility   | Present use is compatible with current land use and zoning.               |   |                         | *          |      |     |  |  |  |
|     | 1 <u>6</u> . Adaptabi                              | lity  | Has potential for adaptation.   |   |                         | *          |      |     |  |  |  |
|     | 17. Interpre                                       | tation  | Has potential for interpretation.   |   |                         | *          |      |     |  |  |  |
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