

Heritage



Railway tunnels

Key details

Also known as	Melbourne Street Extension
Addresses	At 50 Gloucester Street, Highgate Hill, Queensland 4101
Type of place	Tunnel
Period	Federation 1890-1914, Interwar 1919-1939
Lot plan	L230_SP117124; L231_SP117125
Geolocation	-27.486835 153.023954
Key dates	Local Heritage Place Since — 30 October 2000 Date of Information — June 2011
Construction	Structure
People/associations	Murphy and Co - South Brisbane Extension Tunnel (Builder); Queensland Railways Department - Uniform Gauge Project Tunnel (Builder)

When the railway from the Ipswich coalfields opened in 1876 it only ran as far as the Chelmer reach of the Brisbane River. As a coal supply was needed for the important South Brisbane wharves, a branch line from Corinda was completed in 1884. In 1889, the Queensland colonial government called for tenders for an extension to the South Brisbane railway that would connect to the Cleveland railway. Construction began in 1890. A 151 metre tunnel containing double rail lines was dug out of the hill overlooking Stephens Road in South Brisbane and the line opened on 21 December 1891. A second, adjacent, tunnel was constructed in 1930 as part of the Uniform Gauge Project connecting to Kyogle in northern New South Wales.

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