

**Place name** Precinct - Sale Esso Executive Housing

**Survey Date:** 04/07/2004

**Other name**

**Id:** 1219

**Street** 32 to 44 Hutchinson Street & 45-53 Patten Street

**Last Update** 04/10/2004

**Locality** Sale

**Postcode**

**Official Locality**

**Property No**

**Local Government Area** Wellington Shire

**Precinct:** Not in precinct

**Easting**

**Northing**

**Map**

**Workshop number**

**Workshop votes**

**Field survey number**

**Community priority**

**Designer**

**Builder**

**Ownership** Private

**Built Date**

**Change Date**

**Description** A very intact group of houses, built originally for senior employees of Esso corporation, is part of the subdivision incorporating Patten and Hutchinson Streets which was built after the group on Inglis Street. Constructed in clay or concrete bricks of various hues, these houses are not architecturally important on an individual level, but as a group, reflect a taste for comfortable living on the part of senior Esso employees who were predominantly American. The houses are double or triple fronted, with porch entrances and roller-door single or double garages built under the main roof. Tiled roofs vary in colour, like the walls, in an attempt to create visual variation when viewed from the street. Most of the houses retain their open lawn and unfenced garden.

Each of the houses on the Esso subdivision in Patten and Hutchinson Streets are very intact in form and in their individual landscape settings. Since 1994, fences have been added to nos. 51 and 53, and no. 53 has been rendered.(2004)

List of contributory properties:

Patten Street: 45 (cnr Inora), 47, 49, 51, 53

Hutchinson: 32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44 (cnr Patten)

Feature	Style	Wall Materials	Roof Materials
Group of houses	Modern	Brick	Clay tile

**Condition** Good

**Integrity** Minor Modifications

Redevelopment/change

Residential

Buildings

Fence/gate

National Themes	Local Themes
	7. BUILDING SETTLEMENTS & TOW
	7.1 Ports

**History** Built in the mid 1960s for Esso Standard Oil, these houses were part of a second subdivision of company housing, the first being located nearby on Inglis Street. These houses were designed by the architect Stuart Ashton and built by Guthridge Estate Pty. Ltd. An article in the country life section of the Bulletin described the influence of Esso in Sale and mentioned the housing development: "The Americans from Texas and the Canadians from Alberta's gasfields live in the eastern part of Sale, centered on the fashionable Inglis Street. Their American Style houses, air-conditioned and without front fences, are stereo-typed and architecturally unimpressive but utterly luxurious inside. Each has a double garage and the oil families drive two Ford cars."(1)

REFERENCE

(1) 'The Bulletin', August 1969, p.75.

Heritage Protections Register	Reference	Zoning	Status
Planning Scheme	x		Recommended

**National Estate**

**Research Required**

**Recommendations**

**Fieldwork priority?** Inspected

**Stage 1 Ranking** Assessed: Sale Heritage Stu **Stage 2 priority** Planning Scheme: Precinct

**Final Ranking** Local significance **Final Recommendation**

**Statement of significance** The Esso Executive Housing precinct at 45 to 53 Patten and 32 to 44 Hutchinson Street, Sale is of local aesthetic and historic significance to Wellington Shire. Aesthetically, the subdivision is significant as being typical of 1960s standards in subdivision housing, although at the time of construction they were a novelty in Sale. Shared landscape features contribute to the cohesive character of the subdivision and are a further illustration of design theory and practice of the period. Historically, it is significant as evidence of an important phase of development following the establishment of Esso headquarters in the town. The housing reflects company philosophy about providing for employees. (RNE criteria A.4, D.2, E.1 & H.1)

**Extent of designation** Treat as a precinct.

**Informant**

**Notes**

**Follow up**

**Bibliography** Context Pty Ltd, (1994), City of Sale Heritage Study  
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