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Dear Regina

**RE: LOCATION OF "BLACKIE"**

On behalf of HRASA, I wish to record our strongest objection to locating "Blackie" on the proposed site outside the Cape Town Station.

Although "Blackie" was not the first locomotive to operate in South Africa, it is credited with being the first locomotive to arrive here – thereby cementing both its place in history and its revered heritage status.

For the above reasons HRASA is adamant that the locomotive cannot be located on the proposed site, which removes it from its historical connection with the Cape Town Station and, although it will be enclosed, it will still be subject to the weather conditions, which can be extremely harsh as is renowned. The proposed location also does not have much people movement and the placement of benches may even encourage loitering and then vandalism becomes a strong possibility. The future and survival of "Blackie" as a valuable heritage asset, under these circumstances, would be questionable.

We look forward to the resolution of this in line with the discussions held with Ian Pretorius (HRASA Vice-chair) and Len Smuts (HRASA director) during 2011.

Yours faithfully,

**NERINA SKUY**  
CHAIRPERSON

For and on behalf of the HRASA Board of Directors

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