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DECLARATION OF A NATIONAL MONUMENT

By virtue of the powers vested in me by section 10 (1) of the National Monuments Act, 1969 (Act 28 of 1969), I, Johannes Petrus van der Spuy, Minister of National Education, hereby declare the lighthouse at Cape L' Agulhas, including an area of five metres around it, to be a national monument.

DESCRIPTION

The lighthouse at Cape L' Agulhas, including an area of five metres around it, situate on certain piece of perpetual quitrent land situate at Cape L 'Agulhas in the Division of Bredasdorp, being Portion d of the farm Papenkuilsfontein (now Portion 4 of Paapekuil Fontein 281), measuring 19 morgen 400 square roods. Deed of Transfer 8384/1902, dated 14 Augustus 1902.

HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL INTEREST

This lighthouse was completed in 1849 at a cost of approximately R24 000 and is the second oldest existing structure of its kind in South Africa. Since then it has contributed largely towards reducing the number of shipwrecks on the most dangerous part of the South African coastline. The tower is circular with the former living- quarters on both sides, and of a height of 65 feet.

J. P. VAN DER SPUY, Minister of National Education.