



HERITAGE
COUNCIL
OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 02914
2. **NAME** *Cape Naturaliste Lighthouse and Quarters* (1903)
3. **LOCATION** Cape Naturaliste Road, Cape Naturaliste
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
 1. Lot 5051 on Deposited Plan 93478, being part of Reserve 44658 and being the whole of the land contained in Certificate of Crown Land Title Volume 3087 Folio 29

Lot 5052 on Deposited Plan 93478, being part of Reserve 44658 and being the whole of the land contained in Certificate of Crown Land Title Volume 3087 Folio 32
 2. Lot 5416 on Deposited Plan 195467 being unallocated crown land and being the whole of the land contained in Certificate of Crown Land Title Volume 3123 Folio 129.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Shire of Busselton
6. **OWNER**
 1. State of Western Australia

(Vested in the Conservation Commission of Western Australia and leased to The Australian Maritime Safety Authority)
 2. State of Western Australia
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**

• Register of Heritage Places:	Interim Entry	03/07/1992
	Permanent Entry	17/04/2003
• National Trust Classification:		-----
• Town Planning Scheme:	Adopted	04/1985
• Municipal Inventory:	Adopted	12/06/1996
• Register of the National Estate:	Registered	21/10/1980
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

Cape Naturaliste Lighthouse and Quarters, a small precinct which contains a 20 metre stone lighthouse, three keepers' quarters, several asbestos cement and

brick service buildings, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place is part of an integrated system of coastal lights that was developed at the end of the nineteenth century and the beginning of the twentieth by the various Australian colonies to improve the safety to shipping operating in Australian territorial waters;

the lighthouse tower, in combination with the topography of the Cape, creates a prominent visual landmark, especially from the ocean;

the place is historically important to the consolidation of local industries who relied on coastal shipping for transport;

the place, in particular the lighthouse, has retained a high degree of authenticity and integrity;

the Chance Brothers lens and optical equipment is a piece of precision engineering equipment which has operated in perfect working order since 1903;

the place has the potential to reveal archaeological evidence about how lightkeepers lived during the early part of the twentieth century;

the place is an excellent example of the type of stone lighthouses constructed by the Public Works Department during the last quarter of the nineteenth century and the first quarter of the twentieth; and,

the place represents a way of life that is no longer practised in Western Australia and one that is rapidly becoming scarce in both Australia and the rest of the world.

While the new service buildings have some historic importance, they are architecturally intrusive, particularly the new brick power house and store next to the lighthouse. These buildings are assessed as having low significance.