



REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 4586
2. **NAME** *Old Cable Station* (1926, 1972)
OTHER NAME McCall Centre
3. **LOCATION** 2 Curtin Avenue, Cottesloe
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
Portions of Cottesloe Lots 346 and 225, being Crown Reserve 30806 and being the whole of the land comprised in Crown Land Record Volume 3031 Folio 928.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Town of Cottesloe
6. **OWNER** Minister for Community Welfare.
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**

• Register of Heritage Places:	Interim Entry	29/09/1998
	Permanent Entry	08/01/1999
• National Trust Classification:	Classified	11/03/1996
• Town Planning Scheme:		-----
• Municipal Inventory:	Adopted	30/09/1995
• Register of the National Estate:		-----
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**
Old Cable Station, comprising of a group of three masonry and tile buildings (former Cable Station, Engineer's Room and Residence), has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

as one of only two purpose built cable stations in Western Australia, and of a limited number in Australia, the place represents a way of life and function which is no longer practised;

the place is associated with the submarine communication system which improved communications between Australia and the rest of the world and has the archaeological potential to yield information about early submarine communications technology;

the place is a landmark feature in the coastal landscape of Cottesloe. The Cable Station building dominates the group and is a focal point in the vista from Marine Parade, Cottesloe;

the place has the archaeological potential to yield information about the air-raid shelter and its connection to the Cable Station; and,

the place is highly valued by the people who worked at the Cable Station and with the children, parents and families who were associated with the site when it functioned under the auspices of the Child Welfare Department.

The associated air raid shelter and underground cable are considered to have cultural heritage significance and contribute to the understanding of the place.

The mid-1970s buildings, established at the southern end of the site for a kindergarten and playground have not been fully investigated in this assessment, nor have the early 1970s additions to the *Old Cable Station* buildings. They are regarded as being of little significance.