

ITEM NAME: Lighthouse Base
Former or other

Office Use
ITEM No.
DOCKET No.

DESCRIPTION: On the easternmost tip of the island, stands a limestone tower, 25 metres high. The original light and housing were removed in 1975 and reconstructed next to the National Trust museum in Kingscote.

HISTORICAL SUMMARY: Cape Willoughby Lighthouse, housing the Sturt Light, was built in 1852, by local men under professional supervision. The mechanism for the light was brought out from England and was proudly described by Whitworth: "The light is catoptric, revolving, and exhibits its greatest intensity every 1½ minutes, and may be seen in clear weather from a distance of 24 miles, on an arc included from N.14° 30'W. to S.48° W. round by E." Despite all this however, the lighthouse keepers still had to deal with several shipwrecked crews over the years, from the "Osmanli" and the "Kona" among others.

HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE: This was the first lighthouse in South Australia and as such represents the vital importance of coastal shipping to colonial and intercolonial trade and passenger transport until well into the 20th century.

LOCATION
Address Cape Willoughby
Town
Postcode
Section 412
Hundred Dudley
County
L.G.A. Dudley
S.H.P. Region 14
A.M.G. Ref.

SUBJECT
4.7

USE

PERIOD
State

Study Area
1836-74

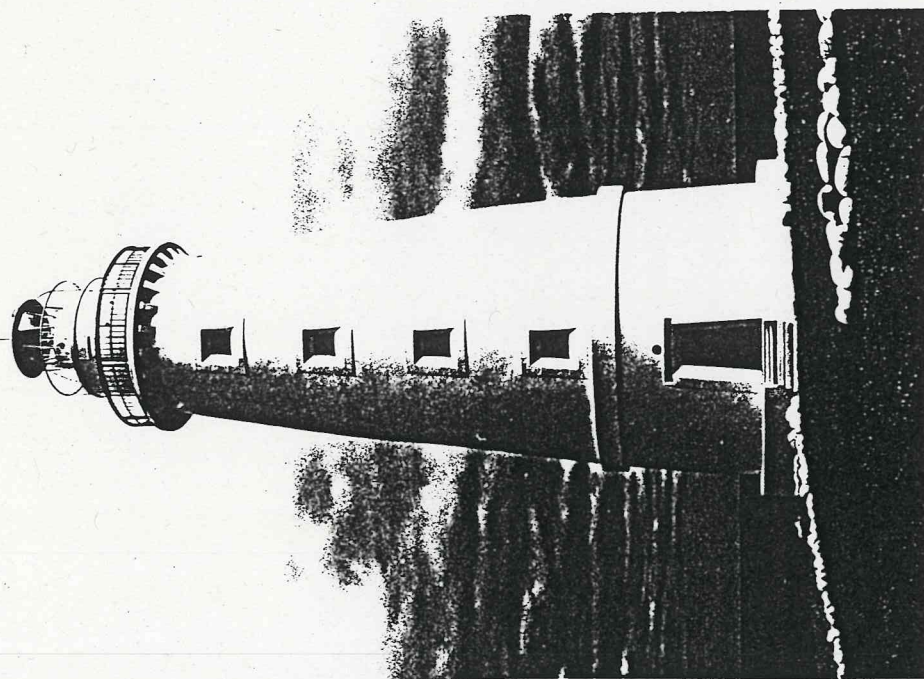
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Verbal
Archival photographs

TYPE OF ITEM
LAND Natural feature ☐
Historical site ☐
Historical Gdn. ☐
BUILDING ☐
STRUCTURE ☒
PHYSICAL CONDITION

PHOTOGRAPH Film No. 1182 Negative No. 2



STATUS
Reg. of State Her. Items
Reg. ☒ Interim L ☐
Nominated
National Estate
Reg. ☒ Proposed L ☐
National Trust
CL ☒ RL ☐ File ☐
Other
Institution of Engs. ☒
(Australia) ☐

LAND TITLE
CT 2383/83

RECOMMENDATION
(A) State ☒ (B) Local ☐

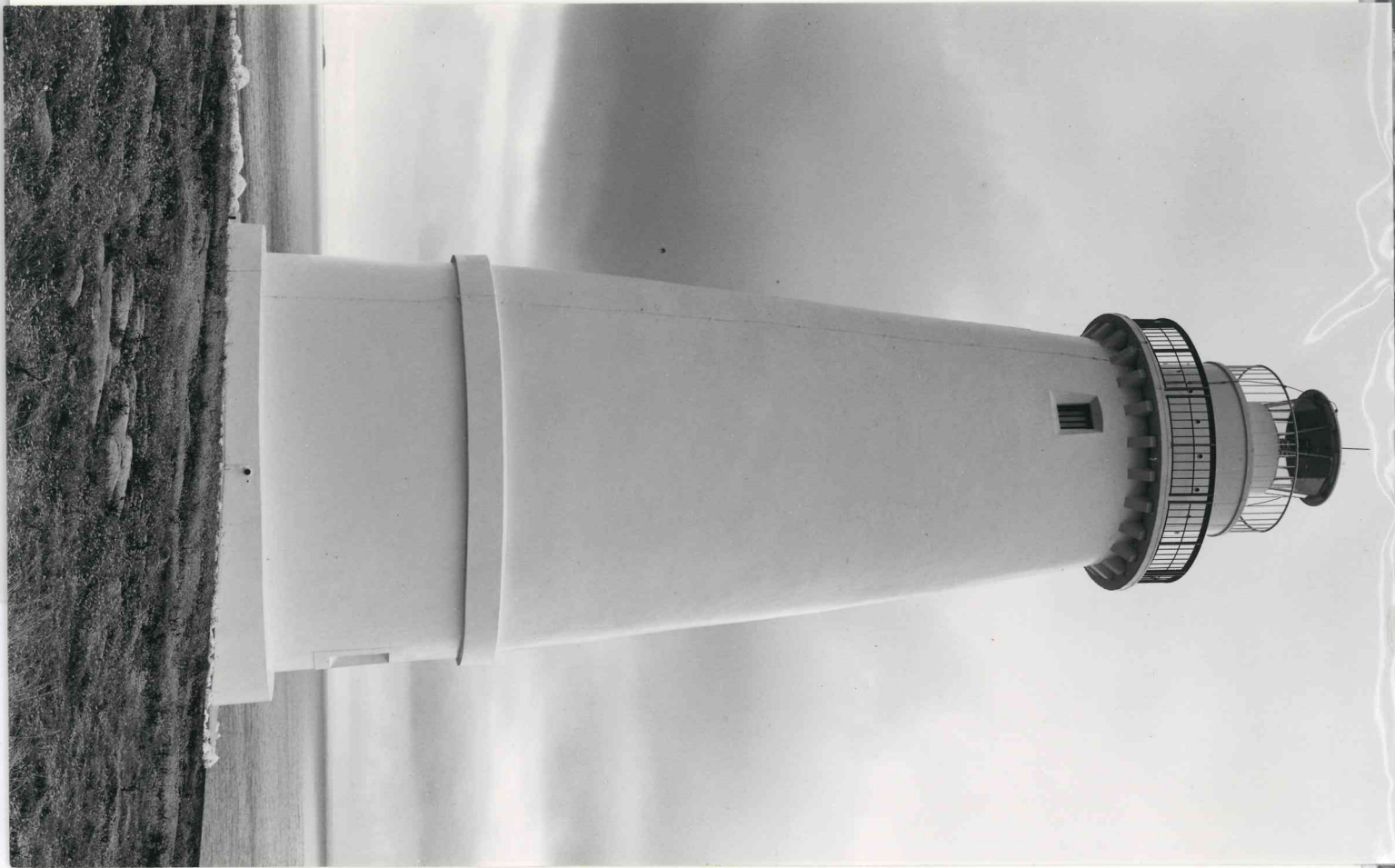
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