

## PERMIT



Permit Committee of the Free State Provincial Heritage Resources Authority

Ref: 1/662/18  
20 April 2018  
Enquiries: Ntando PZ Mbatha

**Permit Number 1/662/18**  
**Issued in terms of the National Heritage Resources Act, No. 25 of 1999**

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**AT A MEETING HELD ON 17 APRIL 2018, THE PERMIT COMMITTEE OF THE FREE STATE PROVINCIAL HERITAGE RESOURCES AUTHORITY REVIEWED YOUR APPLICATION AND MADE THE FOLLOWING DECISION:**

Your application for permit *to make the statue topical while the review process is under way* as per application received on 17 April 2018 is **APPROVED** in terms of **Section 34** of the National Heritage Resources Act No 25 of 1999. In order to maintain the credibility of protected monuments and public memorial (as per Section 3(3) of NHR 1999 no 25 1999) and the credibility of the review process, the following conditions are applicable:

- After deliberations on the 3 OPTIONS, the Permit Committee approved Option 2, as it cultivates opportunity for scholarly engagement, a place for “informed intellectual experiments”, as noted by Respondent 67.
- The statue should still be visible, ‘uncovered’ and accessible. This is ‘intentionally confrontational’ and does carry risks, but if the goal is topical discussion, then commentators need to be exposed to the source of dialogue.
- In the interest of inclusivity, comment boxes should be installed in other parts of the university campus and some less ‘exposed’ locations. One would not want this ‘place of dialogue’ to become a space of victimisation due to it being the only place where comments are ‘allowed’.

Attached hereto, is a detailed feedback and alternative suggestion/view on Option 2 for consideration.

### PLEASE NOTE:

- This permit may be suspended if an appeal against the decision to grant the permit is received by Heritage Free State within 14 days from date of issue of this permit. Heritage Free State will not be held responsible for any costs or losses incurred in the event of the suspension of the permit.
- The issuing of this permit does not exonerate the applicant from obtaining local authority approval or any other required approval for the proposed work.
- The Free State Heritage Permit Committee must be informed in writing upon completion of the approved work.
- This permit is valid for two years until May 2020.

Kind regards

MJ Serekoane  
**CHAIRPERSON PERMIT COMMITTEE**

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