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# MAMMOTH SLUICING CLAIM

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## Location

OMEIO HIGHWAY MITTA MITTA, TOWONG SHIRE

## Municipality

TOWONG SHIRE

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H8324-0006

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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Hermes Number 11011

Property Number

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## History

Heritage Inventory History of Site:

The Mammoth Co. was formed in 1885 to sluice extensively at Snowy Creek and Granite Flat. 'Their race and flumes, when completed,' wrote the mining registrar, 'will be, it is said, the largest one in the Southern Hemisphere.' The Mammoth Co.'s flume was completed in 1886 and carried water across Lightning Creek as part of the 22-km water race from Snowy Creek to the site of the company's operations, Yankee Hill, near Mitta Mitta township. Reputedly, it was the largest flume in Victoria. Originally it had been intended that the race would cross the Lightning Creek gorge by means of two inverted 18-inch syphons; but as suitable timber was available, a structure was built instead of mountain ash spars. (The company had a sawmill on the site of the present-day camping ground, to cut timber for the flume's construction.) Built in two tiers, the flume was nearly 200 metres long and 33 metres high, and the road into Mitta Mitta passed beneath it. After only three years, the Mammoth Co. ceased operations and abandoned its giant flume. It was used briefly by a prospector some years later and

water flowed through its boxes until 1906. But it served chiefly as a tourist attraction until, in 1908, its state of disrepair became hazardous to traffic passing below, and the flume was demolished.

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