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# NORTH PRENTICE MINE SITE

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## Location

MURRAY VALLEY HIGHWAY RUTHERGLEN, INDIGO SHIRE

## Municipality

INDIGO SHIRE

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H8225-0079

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO602

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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Hermes Number 11617

Property Number

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## History

Contextual History:History of Place:

Heritage Inventory History of Site:

The North Prentice Co. was active during the 1890s, although exact dates and details of operation are not known. In 1906, the Prentice and Southern leases were bought by English capitalists, and the Prentice and Southern Deep Leads Ltd commenced operations, reverting to the North Prentice shaft where they installed the biggest mine-pumping plant in Victoria. Despite high yields (1000 oz per month at the end of 1909), mining operations on this very wet lead were unprofitable. Three hundred men were employed. The company closed down in 1909.

Rutherglen Dumps Ltd treated the slime dump (not on this site: the treatment plant was situated elsewhere) by cyaniding in 1949.

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