CAMPASPE RIVER FORMER WEIR

Location

SCENIC DRIVE ECHUCA, CAMPASPE SHIRE

Municipality

CAMPASPE SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7825-0032

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Interpretation of Site

Edge of timber pylons which supported the superstructure of the weir. No remains of this structure are present in the south bank of the Campaspe River.

Archaeological Significance Site is of low archaeological value. Much of the structure has been substantially destroyed and the piers, associated embankment stabilisation materials and artefact scatter are highly degraded remains associated with the former weir. Most of the timber pylons are rotted and have little structural integrity. The site is in poor condition. While there is some potential to be archaeological deposits associated with the weir below the waterline, there is little likelihood that there will be significant in situ deposits associated with this feature.

Historical Significance Site is of local historical significance. Structural elements associated with an early attempt to create a water storage for irrigation in the local area. Site is fairly well known locally.

Hermes Number 194746

Property Number

History

The site is the remains of a timber weir erected across the Campaspe River in 1886 to store water for irrigation (Priestley, 1965: 158). The weir was destroyed in a flood during 1887 and was not rebuilt.

This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.

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