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# Greenstones Axe Quarry

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## Location

Dog Rocks Road (Off), BATESFORD VIC 3221 - Property No 299100

## Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO370

## Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

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## Statement of Significance

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE - GRC - HISTORIC PLACES DOCUMENTATION SHEET NO. 11a

The quarry, which consists of the main outcrops of greenstones (epidiorite) and associated granite boulders, occur along the 60m contour of the valley of the Moorabool River. The quarry site is one of a group of such quarries found in Victoria's Cambrian greenstone belts. Information on distribution patterns, shows the development of models of stone axe exchange and further contributes to an understanding of past contact and social interaction between aboriginal groups in South Eastern Australia. These sites also provide information about the aboriginal lithic technology and stone exploitation techniques. Geelong is one of the few greenstone quarries for which there is specific documentation in ethnographic records.

RECOMMENDATIONS: PROTECTIVE MEASURES

Geelong Regional Commission Registers

Australian Heritage Commission Register of the National Estate

Historic Buildings Council Register

## REFERENCES

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| Heritage Study/Consultant | Greater Geelong - Geelong Region Historic Buildings and Objects Study, Allan Willingham, 1986; |
| Heritage Act Categories   | Registered place,                                                                              |
| Hermes Number             | 21767                                                                                          |
| Property Number           |                                                                                                |

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