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# GREAT WESTERN LEAD

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## Location

WATTLE GULLY ROAD GREAT WESTERN, NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

## Municipality

NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7423-0027

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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Hermes Number 6801

Property Number

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## History

Heritage Inventory History of Site: At the beginning of 1862 there was a large rush to Great Western. The ground rushed - now known as Great Western Lead - was located a half mile from the Stawell Road. The gold was obtained from Tertiary or high level gravels and proved to be very rich. A great portion of miners attending this rush (known as the Great Western Township Rush) were Chinese. Sinkings on the new field was from 30 to 40 feet. The lead received considerable attention for several years and then, like many other alluvial workings in Victoria which proved unsuitable for sluicing, became the realm of lonely fossickers or hatters. These miners tended to be old men, and mainly Chinese.

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