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Location

LEVIATHAN ROAD AND BULGANA ROAD CONCONGELLA, NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Municipality

NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7423-0034

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Hermes Number 6808

Property Number

History

Heritage Inventory History of Site: In the late 1860s, the Leviathan Company installed a crushing plant on the eastern slopes of Big Hill. This mill, with 66-heads of stamps was the largest to operate on the Stawell goldfield. A tramline was constructed to bring ore to the mill from the various mines working on Big Hill. A 1871 map of the Borough of Stawell - by F.W.Wright 1 March 1871 - shows the mill as part of the Scotchmans Reef Quartz Company's lease. In the 1930s, along with a general trend elsewhere in the State, the old Leviathan tailings were treated by the cyanide process. The large scale cyaniding operations that took place in the 1930s was brought on by a rise in the price of gold, and the introduction of new filtration process which enable low grade tailings to be cyanided profitably.

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