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## Location

SMITHS LANE TRAWALLA, PYRENEES SHIRE

## Municipality

PYRENEES SHIRE

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7523-0053

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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Hermes Number 6902

Property Number

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## History

Heritage Inventory History of Site: Deep lead mining was revived in the Beaufort Division at the turn of the century when the Raglan Lead was profitably worked for about 2kms of its length by the Sons Of Freedom group of companies. The principal mines Sons Of Freedom mines operated on this lead between 1900-1904. With the demise of the Sons of Freedom group of companies, deep lead mining entered a new prospecting phase. In 1907, a new company called The Carter's Deep Leads (an English one) commenced to cart machinery and plant to a site about the junction of the Waterloo and Beauforts leads. By the following year, the company had sunk a main shaft and risen to the wash from which payable dirt had been obtained. Unfortunately for the company, the ground proved expensive to work and they struggled to mine profitably. The company was re-organised at the end of 1911 and renamed the Beaufort Deep Leads. In 1912, two other companies - the Northern Hope (formerly Morris and party) and the Hope Company - were also engaged in extensive mining operations. The Northern Hope proved to be the most successful of the three, it mined until 1916 and produced 553 kg of gold. The other two mines, produced about 250kg of gold each. The Beaufort Deep Leads Company also suspended operations in 1916, which left the Northern Hope as the only operating deep lead mine in the district. The Northern Hope closed down shortly after, finding it impossible to trace any payable run of wash.

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