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# ITALIAN GULLY MINES

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## Location

SKYLINE ROAD DEVILS RIVER, MURRINDINDI SHIRE

## Municipality

MURRINDINDI SHIRE

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H8023-0015

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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## History

Heritage Inventory History of Site: The Italian Gully mines are said to have been extensively worked by small parties of miners in the early 1870s, although no reference to the gully at that date has been traced by this project. It is likely, in fact, that the mines in Italian Gully post-date the discovery of the Solferino Reef 'at the head of the Italian and Mountaineer Creek' in 1880. Many of the mines were re-worked by Bob Briers from the 1930s. Briers was a hermit-like figure who lived at Italian Gully until his death in 1953. According to local information, Briers had a number of huts in the area, which were burnt after his death.

### References:

Maud, p. 3 Mining Surveyors' Reports (Alexandra subdivision), June 1880  
Supple et al, citing information from CFL Alexandra, 1989

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