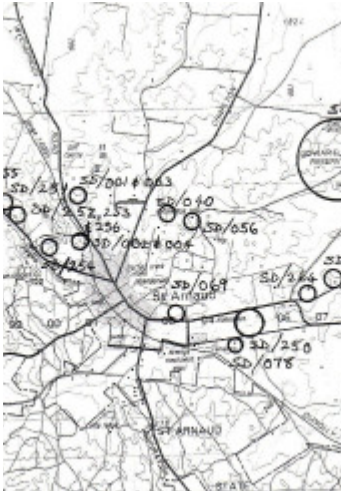

Queensland Company Mine, off Wycheproof Road, ST ARNAUD



SD 003 - Shire of Northern
Grampians - Stage 2 Heritage
Study, 2004

Location

Wycheproof Road ST ARNAUD, NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Municipality

NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Level of significance

Recommended for Heritage Overlay

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7524-0045

Heritage Listing

Northern Grampians Shire

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - August 30, 2004

This site features a battery, sludge ponds and dam (of generally poor integrity). Nearby, of lesser significance, and associated with the operations of other mining companies are tailings dumps and open cuts.

The Queensland Company Mine Site is **historically** and **scientifically** important at a **LOCAL** level as a substantially intact example of an important gold mining technique. Gold mining sites are of crucial importance for the pivotal role they have played since 1851 in the development of Victoria.

Overall the Queensland Company Mine Site is of **LOCAL** significance

RECOMMENDED LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: LOCAL

Scientific Significance, because of the survival of a number of features associated with the Queensland Co.'s battery (battery foundations, sludge pond and water dam).

Heritage Study/Consultant	Northern Grampians - Shire of Northern Grampians - Stage 2 Heritage Study, Wendy Jacobs, Vicki Johnson, David Rowe, Phil Taylor, 2004;
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Physical Description 1

Site 71.1. Queensland Co.'s battery (battery erected in 1900). Battery site. Uphill (south-west) of the tailings dump are the foundations of a battery. The most visible feature of the site is what survives of the loading ramp. At the base of the loading ramp are the concrete footings and iron mounting bolts (wooden stamper blocks and bearers have mostly decayed) for four battery boxes (20 head of stamps). The foundations are obscured by vegetation. A linear depression and spread of brick on the west side of the stamper foundations may mark the site of the battery's engine and boiler. The rest of the site has been flattened.

Sludge ponds. Between the large dump of treated tailings and the battery foundations are the remnants of two small, largely quarried sludge ponds.

Water dam. In the gully below the large dump of treated tailings is a dry water dam. The dam's embankment, which has been breached, is a 100 metres long and 2 metres high.

Integrity

There are a few relatively well preserved features associated with the Queensland Co.'s battery.

This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.

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