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## Location

BRIDGE ROAD BEECHWORTH, INDIGO SHIRE

## Municipality

INDIGO SHIRE

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H8225-0038

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO13

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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Hermes Number 10952

Property Number

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## History

Heritage Inventory History of Site:

Donald Fletcher's tailrace was completed in mid-1871, and was cited as evidence 'that individual enterprise is not yet dead on this goldfield'. It was nearly as long as (but cost less to construct than) the one just completed by the Rocky Mountain Co., which was about half a mile in length. The ground being sluiced was 'old' (ie., had been previously worked) and was about 35 ft deep. It had yielded well for Fletcher, although his operations were hampered by an inadequate water supply.

Butler attributed the site to a race cut by the Union Mining Co. in the mid 1850s, to drain the wetter sections of Spring Creek. In 1861, Fletcher's party at Pennyweight Flat extended their already long tailrace, which fell into Spring Creek. It is possible that the tailrace completed in 1871 was a further extension of a race originally cut in the 1850s.

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