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Location

1139 ENSAY-DOCTORS FLAT ROAD ENSAY, EAST GIPPSLAND SHIRE

Municipality

EAST GIPPSLAND SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H8423-0010

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Hermes Number 11055

Property Number

History

Heritage Inventory History of Site: Tierney's Creek junctions with Haunted Stream at Stirling township. Mines operated along Tierney's Creek (mainly the lower reaches) from 1882 until the early 20th century. In the mid-1880s, Sawyer and party tunnelled on a reef near the head of Tierney's Creek—about 5 km above Stirling—erecting a battery in 1887. According to Fairweather, Dan Fay moved a battery to his mine at the head of Tierney's Creek in c.1915 from the Lone Hand mine (some distance up Haunted Stream from the Hans mine), where it had been powered by a Pelton wheel since at least the early 1900s. Fairweather tells how Fay 'set up the battery on the banks of the creek... driving the mill with a motor fuelled by charcoal gas, as petrol was at that time rationed'. Reefs at Tierney's Creek were prospected as recently as 1937.

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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