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# YOUNG AUSTRALIAN MINE SITE

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## Location

GLENDART TRACK DARTMOUTH, TOWONG SHIRE

## Municipality

TOWONG SHIRE

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H8424-0009

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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Hermes Number 11067

Property Number

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## History

Heritage Inventory History of Site:

The Young Australian mine was founded on the same line of reef as the La Mascotte in 1883, and it was heralded as the most promising mine on the field. Crushing machinery for the mine - an eight-head battery and a 12-hp steam engine by Robey & Co., Lincoln, England - came over the Gibb, pulled by 86 bullocks, in early 1884. It was the first battery to crush for the public on the Dart River field. The 'elaborate gold-saving measures' taken by the company in setting up its plant were in vain: the mine closed within six weeks of the battery's commencement, due to poor yields. The Young Australian was worked on tribute later in the 1880s. The existing remains apparently relate to a later (20th-century) phase of the site's history. The 1927 Dodge chassis and engine suggests that the cyanide works, at least, dates to the Dart River mining revival of the later 1930s.

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