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## Location

BOWEN TRACK BONANG, EAST GIPPSLAND SHIRE

## Municipality

EAST GIPPSLAND SHIRE

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H8623-0013

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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Hermes Number 11106

Property Number

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## History

Heritage Inventory History of Site: No information was found that relates specifically to the Black Snake mine. The copper lode at Accommodation Creek, east of Mt Deddick, was known and prospected early this century. In 1907, Dunn referred to a prospectors' camp on Hell Hole Creek. Of developments so far, he wrote: 'In too many cases the money that should be devoted to testing the lode where it has not been impoverished by surface action is frittered away in shallow surface trenches and pits, and nothing but disappointment results.' The transport difficulty posed by the field's isolation was, he conceded, a serious one, but he expected it to be overcome by the introduction of railways—this was a dying hope which had arisen with the discovery of silver-lead at Deddick in the mid-1890s. Copper mining at Accommodation Creek did not actually develop until the 1930s, and operations were carried on intermittently until as recently as 1971.

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