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## Location

Tramway Lane PENTLAND HILLS, MOORABOOL SHIRE

## Municipality

MOORABOOL SHIRE

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO200

## Heritage Listing

Moorabool Shire

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## Statement of Significance

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An abandoned(?) quarry developed in the 1840s, but producing building stone used in the Treasury Building, Spring Street (1857-62), the Parliament House Library (1860) and said to have been used in the Customs House, Flinders Street (1856), as well as dressings at St Andrews (1865) and Holy Trinity (1876-7) Churches, Bacchus Marsh. The formation of the former horse-drawn tramway from Condons Lane is visible.

The quarry and tramway formation are of local historical significance for demonstrating an association with an important use and the effect of government action, in commissioning the use of the stone in two significant

Melbourne public buildings.

The site has scientific significance for its archaeological research potential.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Moorabool - Bacchus Marsh Heritage Study 1995, Richard Peterson and Daniel Catrice, 1995;
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## Physical Description 1

The present quarry appears to have been greatly enlarged from its nineteenth century form, and it is doubtful whether any early working face survives.

However, the form of the access tramway can still be readily traced along Tram Lane to the south. This former horse-drawn tramway branches off Condons Lane near the western freeway junction and heads north, first as a gravel road and then continuing around the contours of the hillside as a disused track over private land. The fairly steep, but consistent grades, the cutting near the crest of the hill, and the constant radius curves give a clear indication of the tramway purpose of the formation, as it rises up the western flank of Bald Hill. It is not clear however, how far the tramway extended to the south-east, but it may have continued for some distance along the Bacchus Marsh Road.

## Historical Australian Themes

Mining.

## Usage/Former Usage

USE: Abandoned.

PREVIOUS USE: Construction Stone quarry

## Intactness

Not known (Private land, inaccessible). Apparently greatly enlarged.

Probably no nineteenth century working face survives.

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