
MOUNT ORIENT BATTERY AND MINE SITE

Location

RELIANCE TRACK FREEBURGH, ALPINE SHIRE

Municipality

ALPINE SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H8324-0041

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Interpretation of Site	Battery site with associated mine shafts and water races. Relates to the quartz reef minning of the Freeburgh goldfield.
Archaeological Significance	The site is assessed as having no/low archaeological potential due to extensive disturbance post-mining.
Historical Significance	The battery is associated with the Mt Orient Mine, one of the richest mines in the Freeburgh area, although not as rich as some of the other mines in the Upper Ovens Goldfield. Nothing is known of the history of the mine shafts. The site is assessed as having medium local historical significance because of this association with the Mt Orient Mine and the quartz mining period of the goldfield.
Hermes Number	124426
Property Number	

History

The general area has been subject to shallow alluvial mining on the river flats followed by deep lead mining and dredging. Quartz mining occurred away from the river flats and the battery was established to process ore from the Mt Orient Mine (formerly the Shouldn't Wonder mine) to the west some 800 to 1600 metres away. By 1925 the tramline connecting the mine to the battery had been removed but the battery seems to have still been operating. Since then the area has been utilized as a pine plantation with several phases of planting and harvesting.

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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