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# NOTHING GREAT LEAD MINING LANDSCAPE

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## Location

SOUTH OF MAIN DIVIDE ROAD AND WEST OF WESTERN HIGHWAY. TO THE NORTH OF MCDONALD PARK RECREATION AREA, ARARAT HILLS BLOCK, ARARAT REGIONAL PARK. ARARAT, ARARAT RURAL CITY

## Municipality

ARARAT RURAL CITY

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7423-0089

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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## Statement of Significance

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### What is significant?

The site is an alluvial mining landscape. Gold was first discovered in the Ararat Region in 1854, with the first workings consisting of alluvial gold sites. After the initial Ararat Rush, shallow alluvial mining in the area slowed and the majority of gold resources were coming from reworked gullies and creek beds by sluicing or puddling parties, or alternatively by shallow shafts. Mining in the area continued into the early 20th century.

The alluvial mining of Nothing Great Lead was centred on a shallow gully and its associated terrace and parts of the landscape are obscured by thick scrub. The stream bed of the gully near Snake Hill Track has been ground sluiced using water from a race that comes from a dam located on the west side of Snake Hill Track. Extending along both sides of the gully are filled, or open shafts associated with working cement beds. The site contains archaeological remains that relate to the activities of the Ararat Goldfields during the Victorian Gold Rush era.

The site is historically significant as one of the best examples of the shallow alluvial mining landscape in the Ararat Goldfields. It illustrates sluicing and shaft mining technology and techniques associated with different periods of alluvial gold mining.

### How is it significant?

### Why is it significant?

Hermes Number 208973

Property Number

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