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# Former Geelong Cement Transport System (former railway and limestone belt conveyor)

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## Location

50 Hyland Street, FYANSFORD VIC 3221 - Property No 276091

## Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1740

HO1732

## Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

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## Statement of Significance

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### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Limestone quarry and former railway and Limestone Belt Conveyor are scientifically significant at a Regional level for its potential to yield evidence of particularly appropriate solutions, over a period of 100 years, to a technical problem of extracting and transporting quarry material to the manufacturing plant at Fyansford. It is historically significant at a Regional level for its association with the production of cement in Geelong for over 100 years, its archaeological deposits which are likely to contain evidence of technological value with particular regard to the former railway, tunnel and ventilation shafts. The quarry has essentially been part of one of Geelong's most pioneering industrial families, the McCann family business, since they purchased it in 1888. Overall, the Limestone Quarry and former railway are of Regional Significance. Recommendation: That a Conservation Management Plan be carried out on the site, which should further investigate the archaeological potential of the site and comparative analysis with similar sites in Victoria and Australia.

## Reference

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## Physical Description 1

The quarry is a large open cut system. It presents as a changing and surreal industrial landscape. Several modest sheds of cement sheet and corrugated iron are located on the site together with modern extractive equipment. There are very few trees in the barren white surface. An unsealed road surrounds the rim of the quarry and extends down into it. The Limestone Belt Conveyor System is constructed of concrete and sits above concrete pylons. Archaeological potential exists, particularly in regard to the railway line, tunnel and ventilation shafts.

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