
GAMBETTA REEF GOLD BATTERY SITE



1 gambetta reef battery omeo old iron work

Location

DRY GULLY ROAD OMEO, EAST GIPPSLAND SHIRE

Municipality

EAST GIPPSLAND SHIRE

Level of significance

Registered

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1269

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO287

VHR Registration

December 19, 1996

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - May 11, 1999

The Gambetta Reef Gold Battery Site consists of the remains of one 5-head iron framed battery, portable steam engine, and various buried and partly buried piece of machinery. The site also has some relics, including a Cornish boiler, relating to an earlier phase of battery installation. The site is obscured by blackberry bushes.

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The Gambetta Reef Gold Battery Site is archaeologically important for its potential to yield artefacts and evidence which will be able to provide significant information about the technological history of gold mining.

Construction dates	1901,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place, Registered archaeological place,
Hermes Number	4992
Property Number	

Extent of Registration

NOTICE OF REGISTRATION

As Executive Director for the purpose of the Heritage Act, I give notice under Section 46 that the Victorian Heritage Register is amended by including the Heritage Register Number 1269 in the category described as a Heritage and Archaeological Place:

Gambetta Reef Gold Battery Site, Dry Gully, (4.0 kms east of Omeo), East Gippsland Shire Council.

EXTENT:

1. All of the Crown Land including the remains of one 5-head stamping battery, portable steam engine, shell of Cornish boiler, underground flue and chimney stack base, and remains of any other quartz mining artefacts within a 200 metre radius with Australian Map Grid co-ordinates E488 N939 on 1:100,000 map sheet number 8423 Omeo.

Dated 7 November 1996

RAY TONKIN

Executive Director

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