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# BELL ROCK CO.MINE SITE

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## Location

PRESTWOOD ROAD ST ARNAUD, NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

## Municipality

NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7524-0062

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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## Statement of Significance

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Mining operations on this site date from the 1870s. The area features a largely intact mullock heap (30m by 10m high), a partly excavated mullock paddock, a small dam, battery site, a 20m wide and intact sludge pond, tramway embankment, 10m wide open cut and a small treated tailing dump. Though most of these features have been disturbed, the site has scientific significance because the surviving features help to illustrate the range of mining operations which occurred on site. It also features the most intact mullock heap on the St Arnaud goldfield.

The Bell Rock Company Mine Site is historically and scientifically important at a local level as a substantially intact example of an important gold mining technique. Gold mining sites are of crucial importance for the pivotal role they have played since 1851 in the development of Victoria.

Overall the Bell Rock Company Mine Site is of local significance.

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