LONG GULLY PUDDLER & DAM

Location

OFF GRAVES TRACK ADELAIDE LEAD, CENTRAL GOLDFIELDS SHIRE

Municipality

CENTRAL GOLDFIELDS SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7623-0135

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The site is significant because it shows two different methods of alluvial mining - use of a puddling machine and ground sluicing. The site also demonstrates the importance of water.

How is it significant?

The site has significance because of its:

Intactness: retains evidence of the key aspects of two forms of alluvial mining – the remain of a puddling machine and a sluice pit

Integrity: a compact arrangement of mining relics which demonstrates the basic outlay of two forms of alluvial mining.

Condition: retained fabric in a condition that can be understood and interpreted

Why is it significant?

Site is significant due to its association with the mining technologies that were used during and after the gold rush.

Interpretation of Site

The two sites still retain the components that were recorded in the early 1990s. Both the puddling machine site and the sluice pit are still in good condition. The sites were remapped. For simplicity the two site should be amalgamated as H7623-0135. Most likely the puddling machine is the earliest site.

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Property Number

History

Long Gully would have been opened during the great Maryborough Rush in the mid 1850s. After the gully was worked-out it would have been taken over by the puddlers and quartz miners. Relics recorded would most probably date to the mid to late nineteenth century.

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