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# COWKS HILL REEF WORKINGS

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## Location

CAHILL ROAD WEDDERBURN, LODDON SHIRE

## Municipality

LODDON SHIRE

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7625-0004

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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## Statement of Significance

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## What is significant?

The extensive bulldozing and lack of archaeological features (mining machinery foundations and houses sites) and artefacts (hill surface is bare natural ground) means this site has poor archaeological value.

## How is it significant?

The site no longer possesses archaeological value

# Why is it significant?

The site no longer possesses archaeological value

Interpretation of Site	Late nineteenth century prospecting by hand power (bucket or windlass) which have been significantly disturbed by bull dozing (filling of dangerous mine openings) and modern prospecting.
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## History

Cowks Hill workings are an extension of Lanes reef which was first taken up in c.1857 - Lanes Reef - taken up by Thompson, Martin, Charles Faye, C. Fernandez and Frank Handson. These men continued to prospect for some time before getting payable gold, but finally they got it and a large rush set in, the reef being taken up for fully 1/2 mile. A crushing plant had been erected at Kingower and quartz could be carted and crushed at a cost of £10 per ton which was considered a great boon in those days. The reef was now worked and prospected energetically for about 12 months and a considerable amount of gold was obtained.. None of the claims paid at a greater depth than 50 to 60 feet and soon as the yield fell off the claims were abandoned.

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