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# KEEP-IT-DARK REEF WORKINGS

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## Location

MOPOKE GULLY TRACK KOOROCHEANG, HEPBURN SHIRE

## Municipality

HEPBURN SHIRE

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7723-0690

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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Hermes Number 8292

Property Number

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## History

Heritage Inventory History of Site: Auriferous reefs in Keep-it-Dark Gully were first opened in the late 1850s. James Walker was the successful prospector, and he obtained some incredible yields from the shallow depths: eg., 235 ounces from 16 tons, and of another occasion, 12 tons yielded 321 ounces. The reef was worked on various occasions throughout the late nineteenth century. The main period for machinery installation was from the late 1870s to late 1880s: 1872 Keep-it-Dark Reef - An engine of 12hp and 10-head of stamps has been erected. 1878 Keep-It-Dark South Co. have started their engine. 1885 Iveson and party have taken up the old Keep-it-Dark Reef. They have sunk a new shaft 170 feet and expect to keep their battery of 8-heads going. 1887 South Keep-it-Dark Q.M. Co. , at present erecting a portable engine on the main shaft

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