### **EDGARS 1 FARM COMPLEX**

#### Location

210 VEARINGS ROAD EPPING, WHITTLESEA CITY

#### Municipality

WHITTLESEA CITY

#### Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

#### Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7822-0238

#### **Heritage Listing**

Victorian Heritage Inventory

The 1997 and 2010 archaeological investigation site cards indicate that it is difficult to distinguish which set of foundations, if any, were dwellings. They may have been shepherds huts with owners dwelling elsewhere. The drains, cobbled areas and enclosures would appear to relate to animal husbandry, and the rough basalt floor may have been the yard of a dairy or stables. Further investigation is needed to ascertain the nature of this site.

## Interpretation of Site

An archaeological survey by Cintect as part of the Whittlesea Study states that the previous site card (1997) notes that it was difficult to distinguish between sections of foundations, and the site was largely overgrown at the time of the recent survey. It seems likely that the more substantial remains, and the wells recorded in the earlier survey, relate to dwellings, but these may be simple shepherd huts.

# Archaeological Significance

The site has a high potential for sub-surface deposits relating to its occupation and use.

### Historical Significance

The site could contribute to our understanding of the history of pastoralism of the region.

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#### **History**

In the 1850s, land at the southern end of the lot was bought by M Lynch. Some of the dry stone walls indicate that there were some structures built during the 1850s - 1880s. The recovery of bricks and glass on the site indicate that the area was occupied or in use till at least the early 20th century (clear bottle glass did not become common until the beginning of the 20th century.)

This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.

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