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## Location

DONNELLYS CREEK ROAD YANGOURA, WELLINGTON SHIRE

## Municipality

WELLINGTON SHIRE

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H8222-0002

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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Hermes Number 10845

Property Number

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## History

Heritage Inventory History of Site: The Crinoline Co. was the first to have a battery on the spot at Morning Star Creek, in 1864. The next year, the water-powered 12-head battery was expanded to 16 heads and a supplementary steam engine added. The Crinoline was by far the most successful of the Morning Star mines between 1864-8. It was subsequently worked by the North Crinoline Co. (1868), Victoria Co. (1869-71), and Golden Key Co. (1871-5). A tramway connecting the battery with the Bismark mine on Concord Creek was constructed in 1872. No mention was found of the Crinoline battery after 1874; however, the Bismark United Co. acquired its own 15-head battery at about the same time. In 1880, the peculiarly-named Gnome Co. was formed to work the old Crinoline ground. Prospecting, however, turned up nothing payable and the company quickly faded from the record. Mines on the Crinoline line were re-tried during a revival early in the twentieth century, but little gold was produced. References: Milner (1898/1) Mining Surveyors' Reports (Donnelly's Creek), 1864-75, December 1880, June 1881 Supple et al, M12

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