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# BIG GUN BATTERY

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## Location

LYREBIRD GULLY ROAD HARRIETVILLE, ALPINE SHIRE

## Municipality

ALPINE SHIRE

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H8324-0023

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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## Statement of Significance

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The site has scientific value because of the rarity and intactness of the site

Interpretation of Site    Heritage Inventory Interpretation:

Hermes Number        11605

Property Number

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## History

Contextual History:History of Place:

Heritage Inventory History of Site:

The Big Gun Reef was discovered in 1896 and traced for 1000 ft on the southern slope of Guns Creek gully, with a second reef running parallel. The Big Gun Extended, discovered soon after, extended up the north spur to an elevation of 4000 ft. The New Options Co. bought the reefs from their discoverers. Trial crushings from these two and the neighbouring Cannon and Little Gun reefs gave rich yields, and a tramway was constructed to the New

Options Co.'s Crescent battery. Work appears to have focused on the Big Gun Extended mine, which was still yielding strongly at the turn of the century.

After the New Options Co. closed down in 1904, the Big Gun Reef was taken up by a party who installed a battery there in 1907. The venture appears to have been unsuccessful, with no gold production recorded from the mine. The Big Gun Extended was reworked between 1915-17 and a battery installed, crushing 355 tons for an average return of 1 oz per ton.

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