

RUTHERGLEN GOVERNMENT BATTERY

Location

BATTERY ROAD RUTHERGLEN, INDIGO SHIRE

Municipality

INDIGO SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H8125-0011

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Hermes Number 11635

Property Number

History**Contextual History:History of Place:****Heritage Inventory History of Site:**

The government battery at Rutherglen was installed in 1899. In its first five years, it produced just 628 oz from 1,110 tons of stone, but it made the Rutherglen quartz reefs (which yielded an average total of only 230 oz per year between 1902-19) viable.

Three more stampers were added to the original 3-head battery in 1905. The plant was further upgraded in 1908 and a new 16-hp suction gas engine was installed in 1910. The battery was in operation until at least 1918, and then from 1935-49. In 1949, the Rutherglen government battery was described as a gas-powered plant of five heads.

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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