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# COLAC PIPELINE WOOD STAVE PIPE

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## Location

OLANGOLAH WEIR ROAD BARRAMUNGA, COLAC OTWAY SHIRE

## Municipality

COLAC OTWAY SHIRE

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7620-0015

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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Interpretation of Site	Section of wood stave pipe remaining from early C20th construction of the Olangolah section of the Colac water pipeline
Archaeological Significance	The pipe is wrapped in rusted wire with remnants of bitumen coating on the outside. The preservation of the pipe is good. There is potential for other remnant material to be present, although the possibility of sub-surface material related to the construction of the pipeline is unlikely.
Historical Significance	One of the few historic wood stave pipes known outside the Melbourne metropolitan area. Laid by the Colac Waterworks Trust during the implementation of the Olangolah water supply scheme to serve Colac.
Hermes Number	150176
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## History

The wood stave pipe on Eel Creek was probably laid by the Colac Waterworks Trust, which was constituted on November 10, 1909 and charged with designing and implementing the Olangolah water supply scheme to serve Colac. The scheme was completed in July 1911 at a cost of 43 000 pounds. Wood stave pipelines were a common construction in the 19th and early 20th century because they could be assembled locally, thus avoiding transport costs. A wood stave pipe consisted of wooden planks held into a barrel section by iron or steel wire. Bitumen was used on the outside as a sealant.

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