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Location

CA 592C Maiden Gully Road, MAIDEN GULLY VIC 3551 - Property No 197868

Municipality

GREATER BENDIGO CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO552

Heritage Listing

Greater Bendigo City

Statement of Significance

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The site illustrates important aspects of both small-scale reef mining and hydraulic sluicing (criterion C) and is one of the best examples of mining undertaken on one of the minor lines of reef on Bendigo during the "big mine" phase between 1888 and 1914 (criterion A and criterion B).

Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Bendigo - Marong Heritage Study 1999, Andrew Ward and Associates, 1999;
Construction dates	1891,
Other Names	South Lancashire Reef,
Hermes Number	198126
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

Lancashire Company

A small partially quarried mullock heap with two dumping lines, 25 metres long, situated just south of a track around the southern perimeter of the Council tip in Devonshire Gully. North of this heap there is a scatter of building stone and hand-made brick.

South Lancashire Company

South of the Lancashire mullock heap and on the opposite side of the gully there is another small mullock heap, with two short dumping lines. On the south side of the heap is a stone-edged quartz paddock.

Sluice-head dam - for sluicing of Armadale Gully

100 metres further south of the machinery site on the ridge between Maiden Gully and Devonshire Gully there is a well-preserved sluicing dam, fed by water races. The earthen wall of the dam has been faced with stone. The gully below the dam on the northern side has been sluiced.

Surface workings

Further south, on the fall into Maiden Gully, there is a line of shallow reef workings which extend for over 200 metres.

The mullock heaps are weathered and in some cases partially quarried; the dam, however, retains its definition and form. The integrity of the site is good, but reduced at the northern end by the multiplicity of tracks between the various sites.

Physical Description 2

The eastern and western boundaries of the rectangular area of significance are 100 metres apart and equi-distant from a mean line with a true bearing of 340 degrees running through the intersecting centre lines of Albert Road and Maiden Gully Road. The southern boundary intersects this mean line at a point 150 metres north of this intersection point and the area of significance extends along the mean line for a further distance northwards of 600 metres.

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