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# CROWN COMPANY

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## Location

SIMMONS REEF ROAD BLACKWOOD, MOORABOOL SHIRE

## Municipality

MOORABOOL SHIRE

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7723-0498

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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## Statement of Significance

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## What is significant?

The remains of a large open cut with tunnels, the product of late 19th-century quartz mining.

## How is it significant?

The site has significance because of its:

Integrity: demonstrates the basic features of open cut mining

Condition: retained fabric in a condition that can be understood and interpreted

# Why is it significant?

The site has local significance as a relic of Victoria's historic gold mining industry.

Interpretation of Site	Nineteenth century quartz mining that produced a large open cut. The open cut has several tunnels. The ore was taken elsewhere to crush. There is no mining machinery remains on the site.
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## History

Heritage Inventory History of Site: The Crown Company was one of the main companies - along with Imperial, Cornish, Lerderberg, and William Brothers - to work Simmons Reef during the 1860s. The Crown Company's battery, like all others erected on the reef during this time, was powered by waterwheel. SiteCard data copied on 09/07/2024: The Crown Company was one of the main companies - along with Imperial, Cornish, Lerderberg, and William Brothers - to work Simmons Reef during the 1860s. The Crown Company's battery, like all others erected on the reef during this time, was powered by waterwheel. Ore was conveyed from the open cut through a haulage tunnel to the battery which was located on a Back Creek. The battery site has never been located. When recorded the site was described as a large open cut/stope containing partly filled shafts and adit. At the southern end of the open cut was an open haulage adit. The crushing battery would have been located further south on Back Creek.

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