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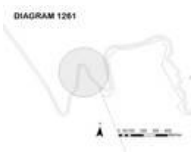
DELEGATE RIVER GOLD DIVERSION TUNNEL



Location:
TUNNEL RIDGE TRACK DELEGATE RIVER AND BENDOC, EAST GIPPSLAND SHIRE

Heritage Status / Level of Significance:
Registered

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number:
Listing Authority: HI

Heritage Overlay Number: HO285

Statement of Significance:
What is significant? The Delegate River Gold Diversion Tunnel is a diversion which was excavated in 1889 by the Delegate River Gold Sluicing Company. The tunnel was used to divert the waters of the Delegate River effectively cutting off a long section of the original river course. The dry river bed was extensively worked. How is it significant? The Delegate River Gold Diversion Tunnel is of historical and scientific importance to the State of Victoria. Why is it significant? The Delegate River Gold Diversion Tunnel is historically and scientifically important as a characteristic and well preserved example of an early form of gold mining. Gold mining sites are

of crucial importance for the pivotal role they have played since 1851 in the development of Victoria. Water diversion and sluicing are important key ingredients in an understanding of gold mining technology as it was employed in mountainous country where water was plentiful and perennial.

Heritage Study / Consultant	
Construction Date Range	1889 -
Architect / Designer	
Municipality	EAST GIPPSLAND SHIRE
Other names	
Hermes number	4986
Property number	

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