

Grand Junction Boiler Feeder Dam



Photo Courtesy: E Lens

Location: E2762549 N6420441 - Richmal Street Extension, Waihi (Martha Mine)

Heritage Status

Historic Places Trust Registration Number:

Historic Places Trust Category:

HDC Heritage Category: **C** - Heritage Item. Local or Neighbourhood Significance

Other:

Physical Description: Concrete dam structure with railway irons. Probably boiler water and cooling water pond for the Grand Junction powerhouse adjacent to this site. [Not Assessed]

Other known names:

Notable features:

Style:

Materials:

Date of Construction: 1906

District Plan Schedule

Number: **HAU255**

Heritage Category: **C**

Heritage Type:

- Wahi Tapu
- Cultural Landscape
- Building
- Group of Buildings
- Structure
- Monument
- Historic Place
- Archaeological Site
- Other

Date Period:

1881-1910

Significance:

- Archaeological
- Architectural
- Cultural
- Historic
- Scientific
- Technological

Thematic Context

- Maori
- Early Settlement
- Industry
- Extraction
- Forestry
- Agriculture
- Transport
- Communication
- Commerce
- Residential
- Social/Cultural
- Civic
- Health
- Educational
- Church/yard
- Other

Historic Heritage Inventory



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History:

"If we came home from school via the Recreation Grounds we could walk along a nine inch water pipe carried on trestles, as far as the Junction Powerhouse. After coming from the pumphouse at Worthy's Creek to a Dam located outside the Powerhouse at the Junction, the water was used in the Boilers to generate steam or as some cooling system connected with the power generation. It would come out of the Powerhouse quite hot, and would be cooled by passing through a series of shallow ponds before flowing back into the main Dam to be used again. Some of this pumped water was also used to wash the Clinkers and ash away from the grates or fire bars under the horizontal Boilers.

The main Dam which was ten or twelve feet deep and quite large, was a favourite swimming place for East-enders winter and summer, as it was always quite warm." (by Oliver Pipe; Ohinemuri Regional History Journal, No.11, May 1969)

Architect:

Designer:

Builder:

Engineer:

History of changes:

Condition: unknown

Integrity:

Current Uses:

Former Uses: Grand Junction Company

Registered owner: Newmont Mines Ltd

Legal Description:

Reference Source: Eric Lens (pers comm.)

Associated Pictures: