

GENERAL PRINCIPLES - RAP DECISION MAKING

- The Council will give priority consideration to applications made by groups who represent Traditional Owners.
- Where appropriate, the Council will move quickly to register the core country of applicants representing Traditional Owners who have sufficient capacity to become a RAP.
- The Council will also give priority consideration to uncontested applications by other groups that meet the Acts requirements that are supported by the Traditional Owners of the Country affected by the application.
- The Council may invite certain Applicants to participate in regional meetings and mediations to resolve competing applications and overlapping boundaries.
- The Council wants to ensure that groups recognized under the cultural heritage laws as best as possible reflect those under native title arrangements.
- The Council encourages smaller groups to create sustainable RAP structures by working together to create a single RAP or to develop co-operative arrangements with other Aboriginal organisations.