

UPDATE

Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council

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DECISIONS TO DECLINE REGISTERED ABORIGINAL PARTY APPLICATIONS FROM BUNURONG LAND COUNCIL AND BOON WURRUNG FOUNDATION

At its meeting on 27 August 2009, the Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council (the Council) declined applications from Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation (BLCAC) and Boon Wurrung Foundation (BWFL) to become Registered Aboriginal Parties.

BWFL and BLCAC each applied separately to the Council to become a RAP for areas including the south-east of Melbourne, the Mornington Peninsula, Westernport Bay, and Wilsons Promontory.

After careful consideration the Council decided that neither was the appropriate body to be appointed as the sole Registered Aboriginal Party for their application area. The Council also decided it was not appropriate to appoint two organisations over the same area in this case. Accordingly the Council declined both applications.

In making its decisions, the Council expressed its view that members of both BWFL and BLCAC are Traditional Owners of Boonwurrung country.

A record of the Council's decisions will be published on the Council's website.