

# UPDATE

## Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council

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6 June 2011

### DECISION OF THE VICTORIAN ABORIGINAL HERITAGE COUNCIL TO DECLINE REGISTERED ABORIGINAL PARTY APPLICATION FROM ELLA MAAR ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

The Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council (**Council**) decided not to register Ella Maar Aboriginal Corporation (**Ella Maar**) as a registered Aboriginal party (**RAP**).

Ella Maar's RAP application covered generally the area south of the Hamilton Highway beginning at Penshurst to Mortlake, south east to Camperdown, south of the Princes Highway to Colac, to the western side of Lorne following the coast to beyond Yambuk.

Council considered the information provided about the traditional and familial links of Ella Maar's members to some of the area included in the application. Council noted that a part of the area included in the application was subject to a registered native title claim.

Council decided that Ella Maar was not an appropriate organisation to represent Traditional Owners of the area included in the application.

A record of the Council's decision on the Ella Maar application will be published on the Council's website. Visit [www.dpcd.vic.gov.au/indigenous](http://www.dpcd.vic.gov.au/indigenous) and follow the links to the *Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council applications declined or withdrawn* webpage.

Date of decision: 27 May 2011