

UPDATE

Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council

22 December 2010

DECISION TO DECLINE REGISTERED ABORIGINAL PARTY APPLICATION FROM MUNGABAREENA ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

The Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council has decided not to register Mungabareena Aboriginal Corporation (Mungabareena) as a registered Aboriginal party (RAP).

Mungabareena had applied for the area encompassing North Eastern Victoria from the Murray River / NSW border, south to Omeo and west to the Great Alpine Road. The application area included the townships of Wodonga, Mount Beauty, Mitta Mitta and Corryong.

The Mungabareena RAP application was made on the basis that it claimed to have members who are Traditional Owners of the area and to have the support of Traditional Owners. It also claimed an historical and contemporary interest in the application area as well as expertise in managing and protecting Aboriginal cultural heritage.

The Council gave careful consideration to all the information provided by the Mungabareena and took the view that Mungabareena was not an appropriate organisation to appoint as a RAP. The Council did not make a decision in relation to the Traditional Owner status of any members of Mungabareena Aboriginal Corporation.

A record of the Council's decision on the Mungabareena application will be published on the Council's website. Visit <http://www.dpcd.vic.gov.au/indigenous/aboriginal-cultural-heritage/registered-aboriginal-parties/applications-declined-or-withdrawn>

Date of decision: 3 December 2010