

UPDATE

Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council

20 December 2011

DECISION OF THE VICTORIAN ABORIGINAL HERITAGE COUNCIL TO DECLINE REGISTERED ABORIGINAL PARTY APPLICATION FROM BARAPA BARAPA NATION ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

At its meeting on 8 December 2011, the Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council (Council) decided not to register Barapa Barapa Nation Aboriginal Corporation (BBNAC) as a registered Aboriginal party (RAP).

BBNAC had applied to the Council to be a RAP for an area that lies south-east of Swan Hill. The boundary of the area follows the Murray River from the confluence of the Murray and Loddon Rivers to a point just north-west of Echuca. From there it extends directly south to just west of Elmore and then runs in north westerly direction to Quambatook. From Quambatook the boundary extends north-easterly to the Murray River.

In making its decision, Council expressed its view that some members of BBNAC are Traditional Owners of Barapa Barapa Country. However, Council was not satisfied that the BBNAC represents all people with traditional or familial links to the area being claimed.

A record of the Council's decision on the BBNAC application will be published on the Council's website. Visit www.dpcd.vic.gov.au/indigenous/ and follow the links to Aboriginal cultural heritage / the Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council / applications declined or withdrawn.

Date of decision: 8 December 2011