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## Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council

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### **DECISIONS TO DECLINE REGISTERED ABORIGINAL PARTY APPLICATIONS FROM BALLARAT AND DISTRICT ABORIGINAL COOPERATIVE AND WANDOON ESTATE ABORIGINAL CORPORATION**

The Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council has decided not to register Ballarat and District Aboriginal Cooperative (**BADAC**) and Wandoon Estate Aboriginal Corporation (**Wandoon Estate**) as Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAPs).

BADAC had applied for areas generally surrounding Ballarat and the central highlands of Victoria. The Council noted that BADAC had previously held cultural heritage management responsibilities in the area. However BADAC is not an organisation representing Traditional Owners and the Council has previously appointed Wathaurung Aboriginal Corporation as a RAP representing the Traditional Owners of the area.

Wandoon Estate applied to be a RAP for a large area in central Victoria. The members of Wandoon Estate are Woi wurrung people and the Council acknowledges that they have traditional links to some parts of their application area. However the Council has previously appointed Wurundjeri Tribe Land and Compensation Cultural Heritage Council Inc (**Wurundjeri Inc**) as a RAP representing Woi wurrung people in their traditional country.

A record of the Council's decisions on the BADAC and Wandoon Estate applications will be published on the Council's website. Visit [www.aboriginalaffairs.vic.gov.au](http://www.aboriginalaffairs.vic.gov.au) and follow the links to Aboriginal cultural heritage / the Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council / applications declined or withdrawn.