

UPDATE

Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council

Tuesday 9 November 2010

DECISION TO DECLINE REGISTERED ABORIGINAL PARTY APPLICATION FROM GILBIE ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

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

GAC had applied for a significant area in the north west of Victoria with boundaries reaching to the borders with New South Wales and South Australia respectively. It included Mildura and Robinvale in the North, Ouyen in the South and the whole of the Murray Sunset National Park in the West.

The Council considered the information provided about the traditional and familial links of the members of the GAC to some of the area included in the application. The Council also noted that parts of the area included in the application were subject to native title claims made on behalf of several different claimant groups.

The Council decided that the GAC 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 GAC 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follow the links to Aboriginal cultural heritage / the Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council / applications declined or withdrawn.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: 21 October 2010