

# UPDATE

## Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council

Monday 26 November 2007

### RAP DECISION - MAAR ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL

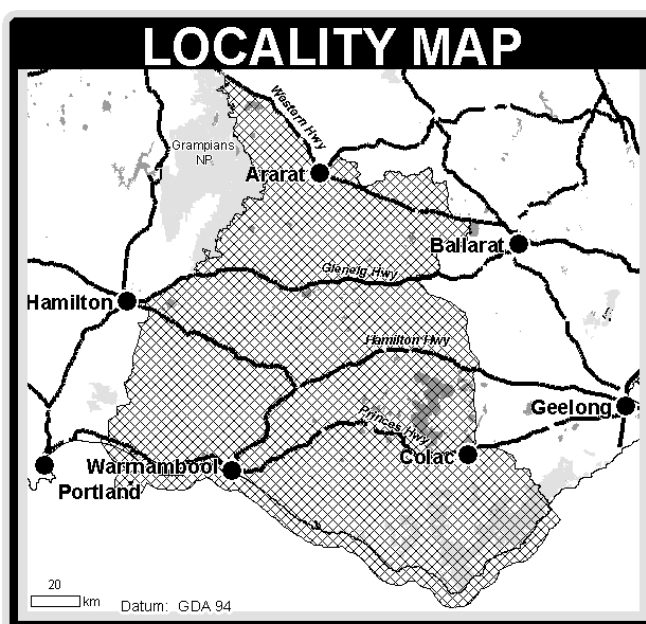
The Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council has declined the Maar Aboriginal Land Council's application to be appointed as a registered Aboriginal party (RAP).

Maar was established as a representative organisation for Aboriginal peoples living and working in south-west Victoria and does not represent any one distinct group of Traditional Owners.

Maar did not demonstrate its own organisational expertise in cultural heritage management. Its application relied on the experience of another organisation.

Objections were received from a number of Aboriginal people claiming traditional links to the area. Council has also received a number of overlapping RAP applications from Aboriginal groups in the same area.

The Council is giving priority consideration to RAP applications made on behalf of groups representing Traditional Owners.



Date of decision: 21 November 2007