

UPDATE

Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council

RECENT DECISIONS OF THE VICTORIAN ABORIGINAL HERITAGE COUNCIL RELATING TO REGISTERED ABORIGINAL PARTY APPLICATIONS

The Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council (Council) made decisions in April 2014 relating to the Registered Aboriginal Party (RAP) applications of both Taungurung Clans Aboriginal Corporation and Wurundjeri Tribe Land Compensation and Cultural Heritage Council Incorporated. The decisions are described below.

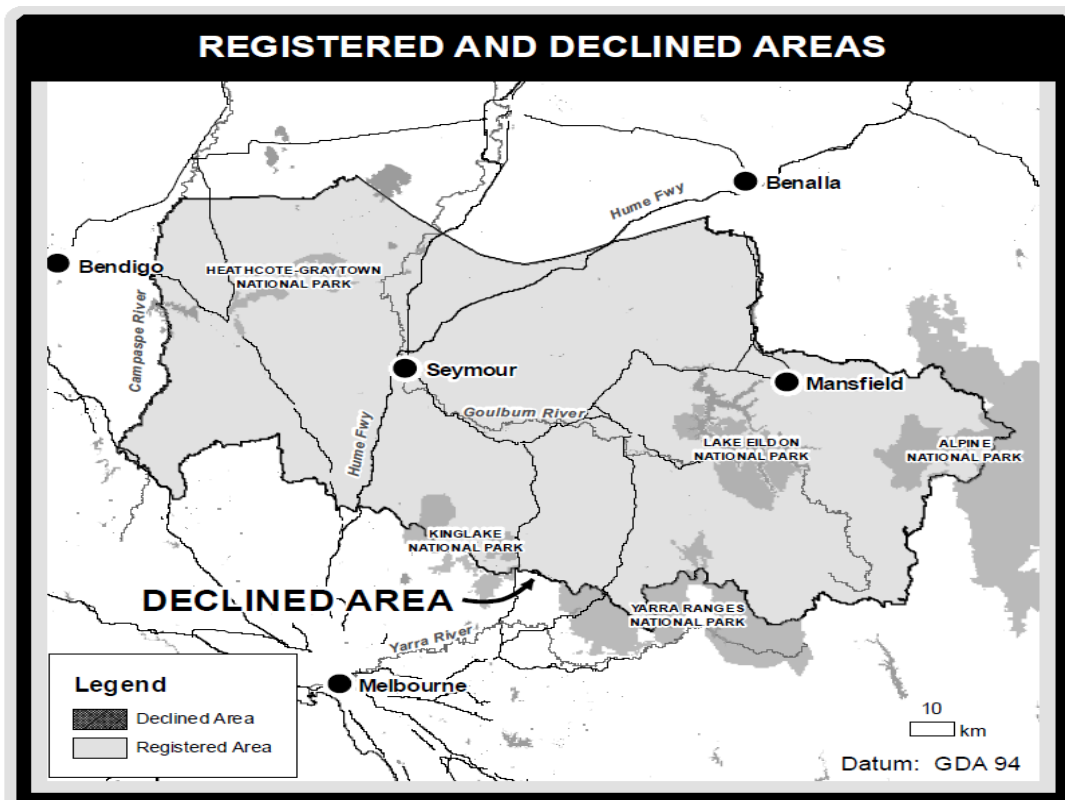
DECISION NOT TO REGISTER TAUNGURUNG CLANS ABORIGINAL CORPORATION FOR A PARTICULAR AREA OF ITS RAP APPLICATION

Date of decision: 4 April 2014.

On 4 April 2014 Council decided not to register Taungurung Clans Aboriginal Corporation (Taungurung) for a particular area of its RAP application near Toolangi. The decision area is generally north of the Great Dividing Range (the Toolangi area). The Toolangi area is shown on the map below.

Taungurung's application for the Toolangi area overlapped with the RAP application of the Wurundjeri Tribe Land and Compensation Cultural Heritage Council Inc (Wurundjeri). Council considered all information provided to it by both Taungurung and Wurundjeri about traditional and familial links to the Toolangi area.

Council has previously made decisions recognising both Taungurung and Wurundjeri as organisations that are representative of Traditional Owners and as appropriate organisations to manage cultural heritage where they are appointed as RAPs. Council has encouraged both Taungurung and Wurundjeri to meet to discuss their overlapping areas of RAP application.



DECISION NOT TO REGISTER WURUNDJERI TRIBE LAND AND COMPENSATION CULTURAL HERITAGE COUNCIL INCORPORATED FOR CERTAIN AREAS OF ITS RAP APPLICATION

Date of decision: 4 April 2014.

On 4 April 2014 Council decided not to register Wurundjeri Tribe Land and Compensation Cultural Heritage Council Inc. (Wurundjeri) for its two remaining RAP application areas: an area near Toolangi generally north of the Great Dividing Range ridgeline and north of Wurundjeri's appointed RAP area (the Toolangi area), and its southern RAP application area. Both areas are shown on the map below.

Wurundjeri's RAP application for the Toolangi area overlapped with the application of Taungurung Clans Aboriginal Corporation (Taungurung). Council considered all information obtained provided to it by both Taungurung and Wurundjeri about the traditional and familial links to the area covered by the application.

Council has previously made decisions recognising both Taungurung and Wurundjeri as organisations that are representative of Traditional Owners and as appropriate organisations to manage their cultural heritage where they are appointed as RAPs. Council has encouraged both applicants to meet to discuss their overlapping RAP application areas.

On 4 April 2014 Council also decided not to register Wurundjeri for its southern RAP application area. Wurundjeri's southern RAP application area overlapped with the current RAP applications of the Boon Wurrung Foundation and the Bunurong Land and Sea Association Inc, and the previous RAP application of the Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation. Council considered all information provided to it by Wurundjeri and others regarding traditional and familial links to the southern RAP application area. Council has previously made decisions recognising Wurundjeri as an organisation that represents Traditional Owners and as an appropriate organisation to manage cultural heritage where it is appointed as a RAP. Council understands that Wurundjeri continues to assert claims to this southern area along with Boon Wurrung and Bunurong. Council has encouraged Wurundjeri to meet with its neighbours to discuss areas of overlap and observes that Wurundjeri's full extent of Country is yet to be confirmed.

