

SECOND DECISION OF THE VICTORIAN ABORIGINAL HERITAGE COUNCIL IN RELATION
TO AN APPLICATION BY TAUNGURUNG CLANS ABORIGINAL CORPORATION TO BE A
REGISTERED ABORIGINAL PARTY

DATE OF DECISION: 27 August 2009

Decision

The Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council (the Council) registers the Taungurung Clans Aboriginal Corporation (TCAC) as a registered Aboriginal party (RAP) under the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006* (Vic) over a further part of the area for which it has sought to be a RAP. The Council is still considering the remaining area for which TCAC has sought to be a RAP.

A map showing the entire area for which TCAC has been made a RAP is attached (Attachment 1).

Reasons for Decision

On 16 July 2009, the Council appointed TCAC as a RAP for much of its RAP application area. At that time, the Council deferred making a decision for that part of the TCAC RAP application where it overlapped claims to country by other neighbouring Traditional Owner groups.

Part of the deferred area overlapped with the Wandoon Estate Aboriginal Corporation RAP application and an area identified to Council as traditional country of Minjambuta Traditional Owners. Following further consideration the Council decided that this area is Taungurung traditional country and that members of TCAC have traditional and familial links to this country. Accordingly, the Council decided to appoint TCAC as the RAP for this area.

In making this decision, the Council took into account correspondence from TCAC as well as earlier correspondence from Wandoon Estate Aboriginal Corporation regarding their traditional boundaries.

The Council made no decision regarding the Taungurung application where it overlaps with claims to country from RAP applications from other organisations.



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