

Notice of an application for determination of native title in Victoria

Notification day: 2 July 2025



National Native Title Tribunal

This is an application by a native title claim group which is asking the Federal Court of Australia (Federal Court) to determine that the group holds native title in the area described below.

If you want to become a party to this application, you must file a Form 5 (Notice of Intention to become a Party) with the Federal Court, **on or before 1 October 2025**. Further information regarding how to file a Form 5 is available from www.fedcourt.gov.au. After **1 October 2025**, you will need to seek leave from the Federal Court to become a party.

Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area. If a person with native title rights and interests does not become a party to this application, there may be no other opportunity for the Federal Court, in making its determination, to take into account those native title rights and interests in relation to the area concerned.



Application name: Joanne Layton & Ors on behalf of the Dhudhuroa, Waywurru and Ngurai Illum People and State of Victoria

Federal Court File No: VID945/2023

Date filed: 9 November 2023

Registration test status: The Native Title Registrar has **not accepted** this application for registration. Although this application has not been registered, the Federal Court may still refer the application for mediation and/or make a determination in relation to it

Description of area: The application area covers about 24,315 sq km and is located in the area extending east of Bendigo to the Victoria High Country bordering New South Wales

Relevant LGAs: The Cities of Greater Bendigo, Greater Shepparton and Wodonga, the Rural Cities of Benalla and Wangaratta, the Shires of Alpine, Campaspe, East Gippsland, Indigo, Mansfield, Mitchell, Murrindindi, Strathbogie, Towong and Wellington and the Unincorporated Alpine Resorts of Falls Creek and Mount Hotham

For assistance and further information about this application, call Claire Smith on 08 6317 5333 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.