

Notice of an application for determination of native title in Victoria

Notification day: 29 July 2026



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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 28 October 2026**. Further information regarding how to file a Form 5 is available from www.fedcourt.gov.au. After **28 October 2026**, 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: Bernadette Ellen Franklin & Ors on behalf of the Taungurung People and the State of Victoria

Federal Court File No: VID140/2026

Date filed: 11 February 2026

Registration test status: The Native Title Registrar has **accepted** this application for registration

Description of area: The application area covers about 20,220 sq km in northern Victoria spanning from the Campaspe River in the west to Ovens River in the east and south to Kyneton/Kinglake/Woods Point

Relevant LGA's: Shires of Alpine, Baw Baw, Campaspe, Macedon Ranges, Mansfield, Mitchell, Mount Alexander, Murrindindi, Strathbogie, Wellington and Yarra Ranges; Cities of Benalla Rural, Greater Bendigo, Greater Shepparton, Wangaratta Rural and Whittlesea; and Lake Mountain, Mount Buller, Mount Hotham and Mount Stirling Alpine Resorts (Unincorporated)

For assistance and any further information about this application, including the description of the area, call Huia McGrath on 07 3052 4040 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.