

Hello,

I am writing to you in regards to the VNM WRP comprehensive report. (Draft for Comment)
The section below is specific on Taungurung boundaries into the Ovens and King Rivers that are not final.

I have concern that DEWLP by attempting to publish this is divisive and misleading.
Will this boundary description be removed or amended?

I understand our WRP (Dhudhuroa Waywuru Nations Aboriginal Corporation) are not favoured to include our boundary description in our WRP, can you clarify this please and provide a explanation?

Please see below:

8.2.6.1 Introduction

Taungurung have strong cultural, spiritual and economic connections to their land, water, and resources (Country). As custodians of their Country, Taungurung have managed their land and waters sustainably over thousands of generations. The process of dispossession has interfered with the connection between Taungurung and their Country, which is vital for the survival/ reintroduction of Taungurung culture and traditions. The connection to land, waters, and resources on Country is vital for Taungurung health and wellbeing.

The Northern Victoria Water Resources Plan comprises the full extent of Taungurung Country. ***The main basins within Taungurung Country include Boregam (Campaspe River), Waring (Goulburn river), the Broken River, the King River, and the Ovens River.*** The waters of Waring have a special connection with Taungurung, including its tributaries the Yea river, Acheron River, King Parrot Creek, Rubicon river, Jamieson river, Howqua, and Delatite river.

Kind Regards,

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