



Yamatji Marlpa

ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

Win for Aboriginal Heritage

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Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation would like to congratulate Kerry and Diana Robinson (Kariyarra Traditional Owners) on their win in the Supreme Court on 1 April 2015 (Robinson v Fielding [2015] WASC 108).

YMAC strongly opposes the Aboriginal Heritage Act Amendment Bill which is currently before Parliament. YMAC is strongly opposed the Department of Aboriginal Affairs' interpretation of the current Act, in particular, the way a sacred site is defined. Many sites which have already been protected are now under threat because of this interpretation.

YMAC hopes that this win sets a precedent for the protection of current and future sacred and religious sites, and that the State Government reconsiders the way it defines religious and sacred sites.

For more information on YMACs position on the Aboriginal Heritage Act Amendment Bill go to ymac.org.au/media-and-publications/community-resources/

About Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation

Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation (YMAC) is the native title representative body for native title claims in the Pilbara, Murchison and Gascoyne areas of Western Australia. The organisation has a representative area of almost one million square kilometres and represents over 20 native title claims, all with their own language, culture and traditions.

YMAC is a not-for-profit organisation, run by an Aboriginal Board and provides a range of services to its members including claim and future-act representation, heritage protection services, community and economic development and natural resource management.

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