

Barapa Land & Water has received BRP funding that is for privet land Kilter that back onto Reedy Lake in the Kerang Victoria Australia area. That is going very well.

We have tendered for works on Ramsar sits from North Central Catchment Authority (NCCMA) for tree maintenance: which included watering/removal of tree/guards/stakes for the deed trees sites.

I cant think of any other works in or around Ramsar sites.

We have put in for work tenders in from Parks Vic and NCCMA for other works but was unsuccessful with the tenders.

Personal we as Barapa Traditional Owners and as an Envierment Land Management Services. We have a invested interest in the Ramsar sites on Barapa Barapa country, as this is our country and we would like to be seen as being invoiced in looking after these area. As for any funding for the environment, we would like to see more funding hit the ground for on ground works.

More Traditional Owner input to care of the site and more hands on for the TO's with protection of Cultural Values and Cultural Practices in land management like cultural burns, pest control, weed control, revegetation and water management.

Better understanding of the sites management in and around all these site.

Traditional Owner need to have input into helping protect of these sites. Due to the Cultural Values these area hold.

As for Third Reedy Lake Victoria as a Ramsar site that had many Cultural Values and Sites to be destroyed (in my live time so sad) when there built the channel to then drain the water. For the water to be bypass the lake that is a whole eco system gone, this wetland and the cultural sites around it should have been left along. Barapa people have now lost some more of their Cultural Sites and where are all the birds and Penillions going to nest that live now.

If I can be of any assistants please let me know.

Sorry I feel I couldn't help in this issues.

Regards,

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We acknowledge all Traditional Owners/Custodians of these lands, respecting our vibrant, rich, living culture, traditions and history. That give us our the strength and courage to do what we do, for our communities and countries.

