

# Rock's east not in

MACEDON Ranges Shire Council will make a submission to the Victorian Heritage Register supporting the recommendation that the Hanging Rock Reserve be included in the register, but not the Eastern Paddock.

Following the nomination by the Hanging Rock Action Group in March this year, the Heritage Council will conduct hearings in October into the merits of the nomination.

The reserve meets the criteria for the register based on its importance to the course or pattern of Victoria's cultural history, the importance of exhibiting particular aesthetic characteristics, and a special and strong association with a particular community or cultural, group for social, cultural and spiritual reasons.

The executive director of Heritage Victoria, however, recommended that the Eastern Paddock not be included on the register.

Council's submission supported the recommendation not to include the paddock, as the land and other adjacent private land have a history of agricultural use, rather than for the tourism, and horse racing activities associated with the reserve itself.

The motion to go forward with the submission was almost unanimously supported, with all councillors but Cr Jennifer Anderson voting in favour.

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