



NAMING OF PUBLIC PLACES – ABORIGINAL NAMES

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Responsible Division:	Environment and Community Management		
Supporting documents, procedures & forms of this policy:	Naming of Roads, Parks, Reserves and Public Spaces Policy and Procedure For road naming — http://www.gnb.nsw.gov.au/roads_regulation_2008 For place naming — http://www.gnb.nsw.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0010/58843/Guidelines_Dec09.pdf		
References & Legislation:	N/A		

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1 Purpose of Policy

To ensure that in the naming of all parks and other sites appropriate Aboriginal names be given first preference following consultation with the Leichhardt Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Consultative Committee.

Council's process for considering naming of unnamed public places or changing the names also includes compliance with the Geographical Names Board guidelines

2 Policy Implementation

The process to be followed therefore when Council receives a request to name or rename a road is:

- make sure there is a reasonably broad level of support for the naming. If it is simply a letter from a local resident, the matter should first be considered by the local Precinct (at least) to gauge if there is any level of support.
- Having determined there is a level of community support, Council's policy requires it to first be submitted to the Leichhardt Aboriginal & Torres Strait Island Consultative Committee, including the reasons for the proposed change and the Geographical Names Board guidelines for road naming.
- If the Consultative Committee endorse the proposal and minutes are adopted by Council, then the proposed road naming needs to be advertised by Council and notice served on a number of State Government Departments (see Guidelines).
- If State Government Department objections are received, these are determined by the Geographical Names Board
- If the Leichhardt Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Consultative Committee have concerns about the proposal, the usual practice is that the applicant attends the next meeting to discuss together and it is then referred back to Council via the minutes. No advertising or notifications take place in this case until the Leichhardt Aboriginal & Torres Strait Island Consultative Committee and Council have approved the starting of this process.

2 Version Control and Change History

Version Control	Date Effective	Approved By	Amendment
1	19 June 1996	Council	

^{*} Please note this Policy is to be read in conjunction with the Naming of Roads, Parks, Reserves and Public Spaces Policy and Procedure.