

Geographical Names Board

Place and Road Naming in NSW

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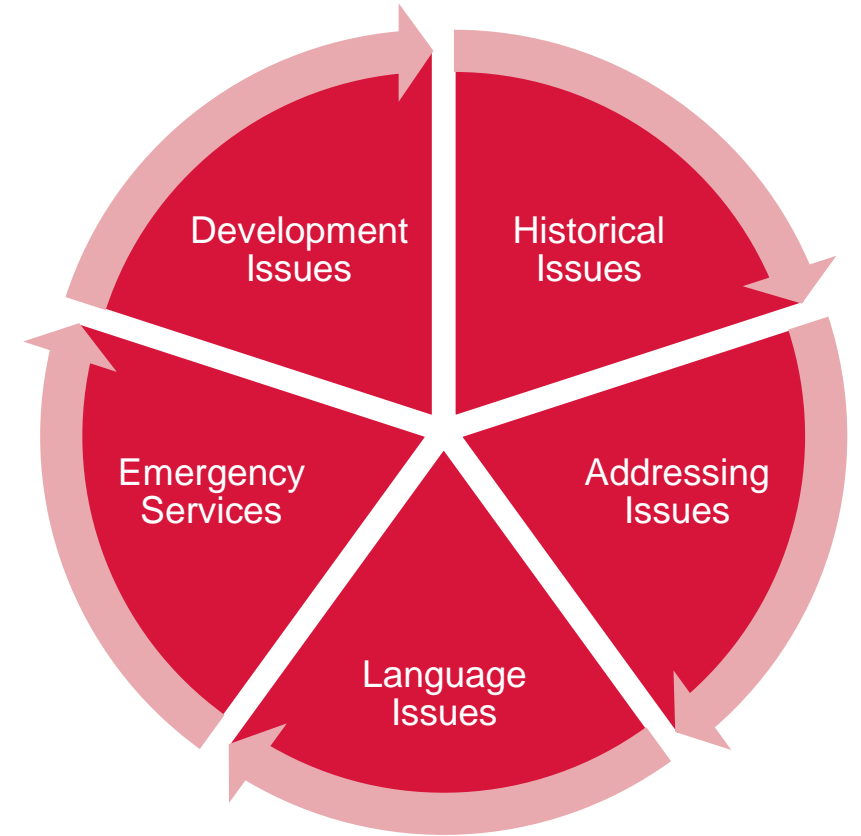
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Acknowledgement of Country



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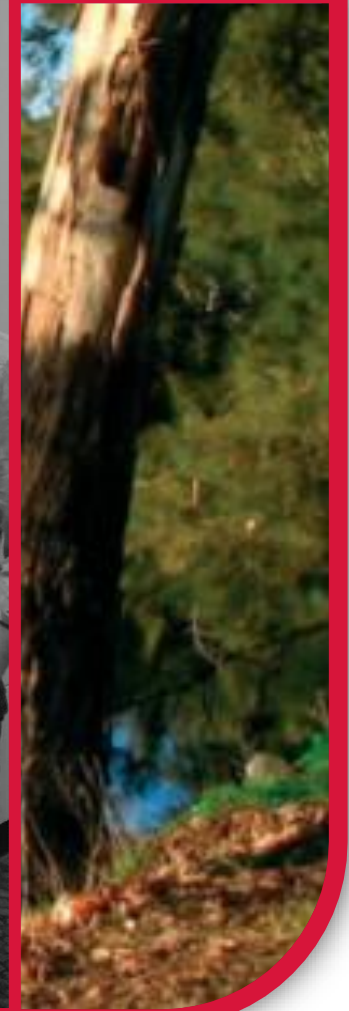


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Place Naming

“Place-names are an important part of our geographical and cultural environment. They identify geographical entities of different kinds and represent irreplaceable cultural values of vital significance to people’s sense of well-being and feeling at home.”

Kurt Zilliacus



Place Naming – What can be officially named?

Place means any geographical or topographical feature or any area, district, division, locality, region, city, town, village, settlement or railway station or any other place within the territories and waters of the State of New South Wales but does not include any road, any area (within the meaning of the Local Government Act 1993), area of operations of a county council or a joint organisation area (within the meaning of that Act), any electoral district under the Electoral Act 2017, any school or any place or place within a class of places to which the provisions of this Act do not apply by virtue of the regulations.



Reserve



Hill



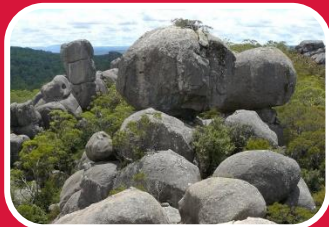
Mountain



Railway Stations



River



Rock



Swamp



Locality/Suburb
names and
boundaries



Beach



Plain

Aboriginal Place Naming

The Geographical Names Board is committed to reawakening Aboriginal place names in New South Wales.

Through place naming, communities have the opportunity to unlock past stories, preserve traditions and provide a sense of belonging and identity.

Anyone can make a proposal to the Geographical Names Board to restore and recognise an Aboriginal place name and have it officially assigned under the *Geographical Names Act 1966*.



Recognition and use of Aboriginal Names

Naming roads or places using Aboriginal Language

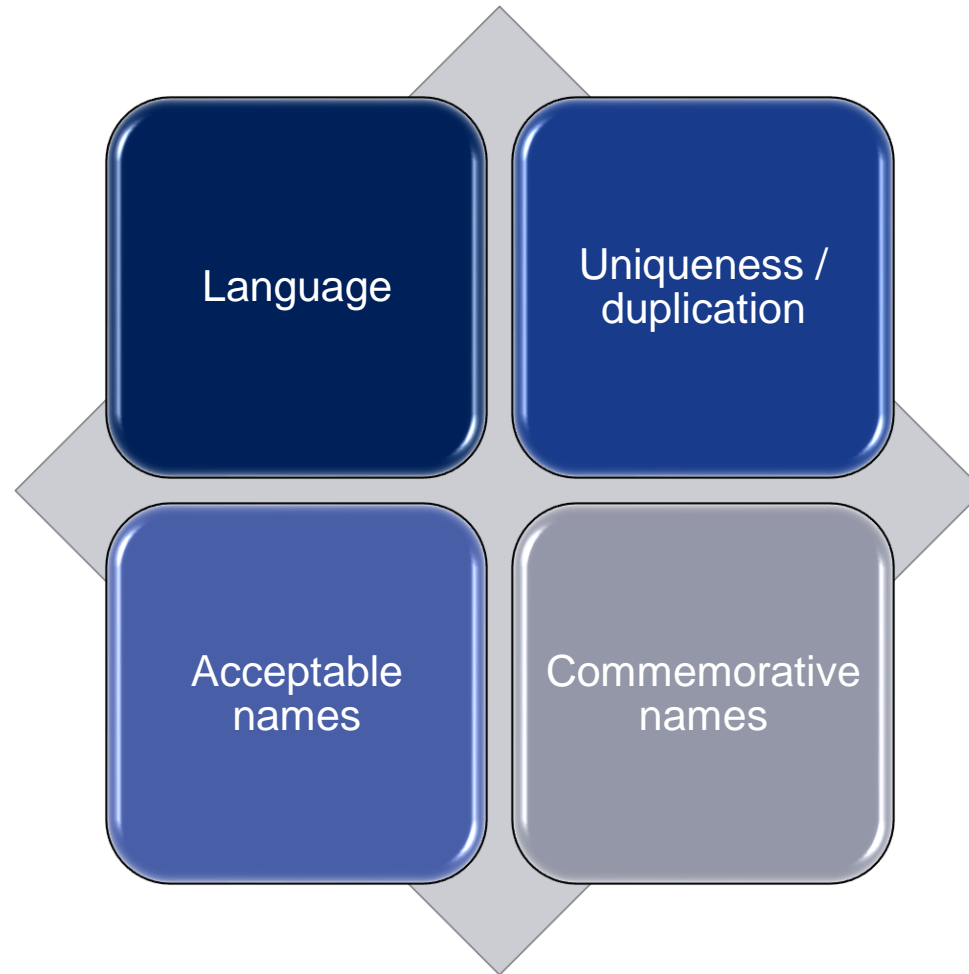
- Consult with Local Aboriginal Land Council
- Consult with relevant Aboriginal communities
- Identify language group and definition of the word

Dual naming

- Non-Aboriginal assigned geographical name already exists
- Reinstatement of traditional Aboriginal name for a place names
- Does not apply to localities, towns or roads

Road Naming

NSW Addressing Policy and User Manual

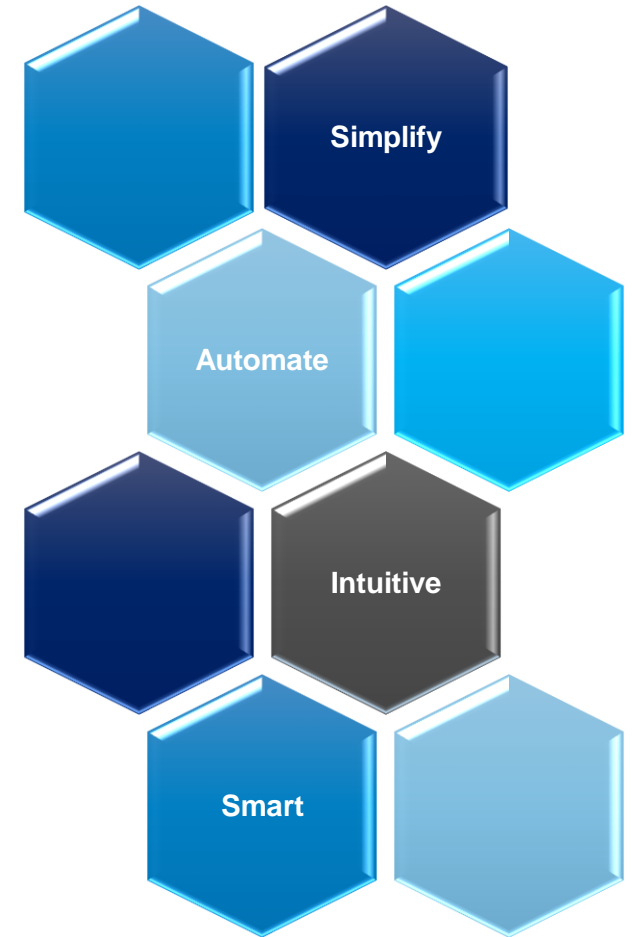




What's
new?

The Proposal System

The screenshot shows the login page for the NSW Geographical Names Board Spatial Services Proposals Portal. The page features the NSW Government logo and the Geographical Names Board logo. The main heading is "Spatial Services Proposals Portal". Below this, there is a paragraph describing the NSW Online Road Naming System, followed by another paragraph explaining the system's purpose. The login form includes fields for "Email Address" and "Password", a "Submit" button, a link for "I need to reset my password", and a "Register Now" button. The background of the page is an aerial view of a highway and surrounding greenery.



The Proposal System – Place Naming

Place Name

New suburb/locality name

Amended suburb/locality boundary



The screenshot shows the 'Manage Place Name Proposals' interface. At the top, there is a search bar and a 'LOG OUT' button. The left sidebar contains a navigation menu with the following items: 'Manage Proposals' (highlighted), 'Create Place Name Proposal', 'My Organisation', 'Manage My Profile', 'Reports', 'Search Place Names', and 'Road Names'. The main content area displays a list of proposals. The first proposal is for 'Bankbook Park', submitted on 04 Nov 2019 11:36:06 am by Albury City Council. It is categorized under 'Local Government Area(s) WOLLONGONG' and 'Localities Wongawilli'. The second proposal is for 'Leneva School', submitted on 25 Oct 2019 02:49:03 pm by Albury City Council, categorized under 'Local Government Area(s) ALBURY CITY' and 'Localities Leneva'. Both proposals have a 'Place Name Proposal' label and a 'Proposed' status. Action links for each proposal include 'View Proposal', 'Withdraw', and 'Re-draft'.

The Proposal System – Road Naming

Public

Private

Pre-approved

The screenshot shows the 'Edit Road Name' interface on the NSW Geographical Names Board website. The page is for a user named Susan Fletz, a Mapping Girl at Wollongong City Council. The form includes a search bar at the top right and a 'View Road Naming Guidelines' link. The main content area is divided into several sections:

- Proposal Type:** Radio buttons for 'Public Road' (selected), 'Road Name Non-Dedicated', and 'Pre-Approved'.
- Local Government Area:** A dropdown menu showing 'ALBURY CITY'.
- Address Locality (Suburb):** A dropdown menu showing 'ALBURY' with a close icon.
- Proposed Road Name:** A text input field containing 'Gum Blossom'.
- Road Type:** A dropdown menu showing 'AVENUE'.
- Extent:** A text input field containing 'From Dean Street to Smollett Street'.
- Origin:** A text input field containing 'The road is lined with flowering gum trees.'
- Does this road contain a multi-cultural dimension?:** Radio buttons for 'No' (selected) and 'Yes (Please specify in the 'Additional Information' field)'.
- Does this road contain an Aboriginal dimension?:** Radio buttons for 'No' (selected) and 'Yes (Please specify in the 'Additional Information' field)'.
- Additional Information for this Road:** A text input field.

The Proposal System – Enhancement Project



Offensive Names



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The Geographical Names Board of New South Wales (GNB) is the official body for naming and recording details of places and geographical names.

A place name is the most common way to identify your location or where you live. It connects people to a place. How we apply names is important for many reasons including emergency services, economic development, preserving history and creating community. Place names need to reflect community sensitivities, which can change over time. The subjective nature of the term "offensive" requires place names to be reviewed on an individual basis.

If a name is thought to be offensive, the GNB will work with the impacted community, local council and if regarding offensive nature towards Aboriginal people and/or the use of traditional language, Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC) or Elders Group, to find a name that reflects the character and history of the local area.

What to do if you find a place name offensive:

- 1** Work with your local Council, LALC/Elders Group (if applicable) and community to identify a new place name.
- 2** Council, LALC/Elders Group (if applicable) or the community submit the proposed name including confirmation of endorsement to the GNB.
- 3** GNB Secretariat reviews the submission against relevant policies and principles and prepares a report for the next Board meeting for consideration.
- 4** **GNB's possible options:**
 - ✘ If rejected, GNB will contact the applicant and advise them to reconsider the submission.
 - 🕒 If deferred, GNB will seek further information.
 - ✓ If supported, GNB Secretariat advertises the proposed name for public comment for one month.
- 5** If no objections are received, the name becomes official and the mapping database and the official NSW Geographical Names Register.

4 If objections are received, they will be forwarded to relevant local council or government authority for comments. The Board will review submissions and either reject, alter or endorse the name. A report which sets out the grounds for the submissions is prepared for the Minister. If approved, it becomes the official geographical name and NSW mapping databases and the Geographical Names Register are updated.

The current NSW Place Naming Policy stipulates that proposed names considered offensive or likely to give offence will not be approved. The public consultation process undertaken prior to assigning any new place name in NSW ensures the community have an opportunity to provide their feedback.

Useful links from gnb.nsw.gov.au:
 Place Naming Policy
 Guidelines for the Determination of Place Names
 Naming a place

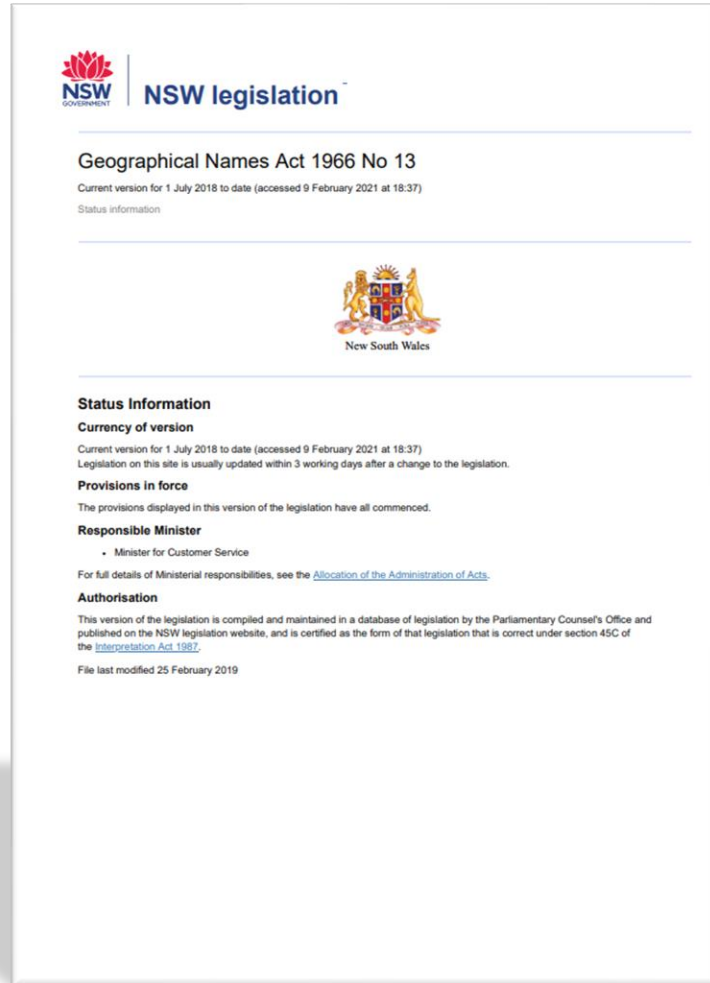
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Policy and legislation updates



The screenshot shows the NSW Government website for the Geographical Names Act 1966 No 13. It includes the NSW Government logo, the title of the act, the current version date (1 July 2018 to date), and status information. The page also features the coat of arms of New South Wales and a section for status information, including currency of version, provisions in force, responsible minister (Minister for Customer Service), and authorisation details.

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Geographical Names Act 1966 No 13
Current version for 1 July 2018 to date (accessed 9 February 2021 at 18:37)
Status information


New South Wales

Status Information
Currency of version
Current version for 1 July 2018 to date (accessed 9 February 2021 at 18:37)
Legislation on this site is usually updated within 3 working days after a change to the legislation.
Provisions in force
The provisions displayed in this version of the legislation have all commenced.
Responsible Minister
• Minister for Customer Service
For full details of Ministerial responsibilities, see the [Allocation of the Administration of Acts](#).
Authorisation
This version of the legislation is compiled and maintained in a database of legislation by the Parliamentary Counsel's Office and published on the NSW legislation website, and is certified as the form of that legislation that is correct under section 45C of the [Interpretation Act 1987](#).
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The cover of the NSW Address Policy and User Manual features a dark blue background with a photograph of a rural landscape with mailboxes. The title 'NSW Address Policy and User Manual' is prominently displayed in white, along with the date 'October 2019'. The NSW Government logo is located in the bottom left corner.

NSW Address Policy and User Manual
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