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Comments in Support	Response
General unqualified support for the naming proposal (2)	
General expressed support for Bunmarra (3) General expressed support for Gilbanung (2) General expressed support for Guwali (2) General expressed support for Wirambi (2)	Noted
The proposed names will educate future generations about Aboriginal culture (1) The proposed names will raise ecological awareness and have educational value (1)	The recommended names are intended to promote and raise awareness of Aboriginal culture and local ecology.
The proposed names are relevant because the animals are local to the park (1)	The animals commemorated have been seen in the park by staff and visitors.

Comments not in Support	Response
Do not support the use of Aboriginal names for the wetlands (2) Do not support these Aboriginal names because their pronunciation may not be obvious.	The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Panel has requested that Council consider giving Aboriginal names to public places. The recommended Aboriginal Sydney names are relevant because they raise visitor awareness to both the language of the First Peoples and the local ecology of the area. The recommended names are considered to be relatively simple and phonetic spelling is used so that English readers pronounce the words correctly. Recordings of the words were provided online as part of the consultation. City staff are also investigating digital options for aural naming, to provide pronunciation and explanation.
Preference for names that commemorate specific, locally relevant people or events.	The recommended names acknowledge the traditional custodians, the Gadigal, and their long connection to the place that is now Sydney Park.

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Preference for alternative names which reflect local multiculturalism (2)	The intent is to commemorate the First Peoples and fauna.
Preference for names which commemorate the local brick making industry that was based at the site (2).	The site's recent industrial and social history and specifically the brick making industry, is commemorated through interpretive park signage beyond the wetlands and through the conserved kilns, chimneys and kilns located in the north-west section of Sydney Park.
Preference for English language words that commemorate local animals (including swallows and turtles).	Aboriginal Sydney language words were chosen to raise awareness of both local fauna and the language of the First Peoples, the Gadigal. Although swallows and turtles are observed in Sydney Park, other once endemic, now less common animal names were selected.
Guwali Wetland not supported because cormorants are not native.	Cormorants are often seen in the wetlands, particularly the wetland proposed to be named Guwali.
Preference for alternative word "Jedda" for one wetland. This name has relevance for a number of reasons – it is of indigenous origin, it refers to a wild goose, a native shrub and a girl's name.	Jedda is not identified as a word in the Aboriginal language of Sydney, but probably derived from Noongar in Western Australia. The direction from the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Panel and from the Land Council is to use words from Sydney.

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