

Attachment B

Summary of Submissions

Naming Policy Response to Public Submissions

Support naming policy

| Topic number | Topic summarised | Topic | Response |
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| 1 | General support | All 10 submissions supported the naming policy in general. | Noted |
| 2 | Conforms with NSW Heritage Council Policy | The policy acknowledges our shared past, and commemorates the City's heritage values, according to the philosophy of the NSW Heritage Council's Policy on <i>Place Names of Heritage Value</i> . | Noted |
| 3 | Conforms with Geographical Names Board policy | Good that Geographical Names Board policies and principles are referenced | Noted |

Purpose

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| | Names are a meaningful part of our cultural narrative | Suggest adding "Names also help shape the way a community operates. They are a very meaningful part of our cultural narrative" | Captured in "define places, and are part of our community's identity" |

Context

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| | Acknowledgement of invasion | "The Eora had named their land long before the British invaded and usurped the landscape, re-naming it for their own cultural sensibilities." Sentence is divisive and unconstructive choice of words | This wording was crafted in consultation with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Panel's Naming Policy Working Group and adopted by the Panel. |

Name allocation or change

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| | Significant community interest | How is “significant community interest” defined? | Policy is not prescriptive; each naming proposal considered by staff according to policy conformance and public feedback; and balanced against public impact and expense in naming changing. |
| | Language reinforces cultural values | Language, including names, is powerful tool which reinforces cultural values and can influence how we treat each other | Noted |
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Naming Principles

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| | Principle 3 – local or cultural relevance | Names should include language that communicates the ‘spirit of place’ and how we aspire to treat people | Captured in ‘cultural relevance’ |
| | Principle 4 – Aboriginal names & dual names | Five submissions strongly supported dual naming and Aboriginal naming | Noted |
| | Principle 4 – Aboriginal names & dual names | Explain the Aboriginal language words so people in the City comprehend the depth of the language | Operational issue; addressed in individual naming proposals, park signage and in streets guide |
| | Principle 5 – multicultural & gender diversity | Two submissions encouraged gender equity in naming | Operational issue; this is the spirit of the policy |
| | Principle 7 - eminent persons | Support names should only be applied posthumously | This is the spirit of the policy |
| | Principle 7 – eminent persons | A living name register could be kept for potential community people to be commemorated by names posthumously | Operational issue. |
| | Principle 7 – eminent persons | Consider naming places after well-known people associated with broad mindedness and social justice | Operational issue; this is the spirit of the policy |

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| | Principle 8 – people in public office | Names should only to be applied posthumously | Addressed in principle 7 |
| | Principle 11 – road name duplication | Geographical Names Board policy has shifted slightly due to council amalgamations. Now just same or adjoining locality and a 10km radius. But the Geographical Names Board encourage no duplication. | Noted. Keep current principle as better to aspire to no duplication from emergency services perspective |
| | Principle 15 – GNB principles | Geographical Names Board have recently adopted a new Place Naming Policy. | Add in reference to Place Naming Policy |

Responsibilities

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| | Private roads | Point 4 – private roads naming process follows a similar process to public roads but is not gazetted. It is submitted to Geographical Names Board and noted on the register as approved (not gazetted). Geographical Names Board recommend removing the word “gazetted”. | Remove “and gazetted” from the end of point 4. |

Policy review period

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| | Policy review timeframe | Should be five year review instead of ten. | Typographical error in text - corrected. Review period table was corrected to four years to align with the City’s policy management processes |