Attachment D

Submissions Table for Additional Consultation

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Submissions received during further consultation on proposed names 'Ah Toy Lane' and 'Sai Ying Lane'. Names were available for comment via a Public Notice on the City website from 24 - 30 November 2022, and emails to stakeholders and anyone who had made submissions in the first round of consultation.

Individual or organisation	Submission	City of Sydney response
Individual	I support the proposal to name these two lanes after early Chinese pioneers. Ah Toy had businesses in this area. Mak Sai Ying is recognised as the earliest Chinese settler, having arrived in Sydney in 1818. He married an English woman, had four sons and established many businesses. He anglicised his name to John Shying and there are many people with this surname still in Sydney. I hope that the City erects signage or a plaque in these lanes so that visitors are informed of the history behind these two pioneers.	Noted
Individual	These lanes should reflect the Chinese heritage of the area	Noted
Individual	I support the naming of these two lanes with the names of early Chinese settlers in Sydney. I am proud that my Great, Great Grandfather Mak Sai (Xai) Ying will be recognised as he was the first Chinese free settler in Australia in 1818.	Noted
Individual	Very excited about this proposal. The Chinese history in the Rocks is generally not well known and deserves better recognition. In my ways the tension brought about by Chinese migration in the late 19th century was the instigation (rightly or wrongly) of the federation movement.	Noted.
Individual	Excellent choices. The de-White-ification of the city is a good thing.	Noted.
Individual	This is a major improvement on the prior proposed names which were empty, bland, evasive, dishonest and not at all indicative of the Chinese history of the area while supposedly celebrating it, particularly considering the racial riots that occurred. Ah Toy and Sai Ying Lanes present concrete history and tangibly points the way to those who want to know more. I am actually surprised that the original proposal was approved and vetted - in what way were 'Cabinetmaker' and 'Crane' a commemoration of the sometimes traumatic history of Sydney's Chinese	Noted. Opportunities for historic interpretation on signage will be explored.

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	community? It frankly smacked of whitewashing and bureaucratic hypocrisy. It is also important that any information panels concerning Ah Toy Lane clearly references the violent persecution and race riot that occurred.	
Individual	I do not support the proposals. Waste of rate payers money for no benefit. Confusing for road users/delivery workers.	Noted. This is part of our standard naming process and will incur no extra cost. The names meet Geographical Naming Board's guidelines.
Individual	Totally support the proposed new names.	Noted
Individual	This is great news. Thank you for listening to the community and highlighting such an important aspect of Chinese Australian history in Sydney.	Noted
Individual	Happy to support these names, as they appropriately recognise the early Chinese history of the area.	Noted
Individual	As a historian specialising in the history of early Chinese Australians, I am writing to express my approval and pleasure that the names Ah Toy Lane and Sai Ying Lane have been chosen for the names of two new lanes in Lower George St.	Noted
	During the long years of White Australia, the existence of Chinese Australians was overlooked and this was reflected in the lack of streets and places named after them, or only acknowledged in the retention of local names for a few mostly rural places with names such as "Chinamans Bridge".	
	I am very pleased to see that the City of Sydney is taking this step to redress the historical neglect in respect to the naming of places, and giving these two lanes names which are more representative of our historical diversity.	
	I urge that this naming be made official and I greatly look forward to your confirmation of this.	
Individual	I am Senior Lecturer in History at the University of Tasmania and an expert in the history of Chinese migration and settlement in Australia, particularly New South Wales. I support the	Noted. The historical justification recognises the

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	naming of the lane to remember Mak Sai Ying aka John Shying. But I question why you have chosen 'Sai Ying' as the version of his name to use. This is the equivalent of naming a street after John Macarthur but calling it 'John Street'. Where there are copies of the signature of Mak Sai Ying in the historical record, he has signed all three characters of his Chinese name (Mak Sai Ying 麥世英); otherwise he was best known in English as John Shying. His descendants used Shying as their surname, not Sai Ying. I suggest that it would be more appropriate, therefore, to either name the lane Mak Sai Ying Lane or Shying Lane, both of which are names that Mak Sai Ying used himself.	Anglicised version "Shying". The Chinese Australian Historical Society proposed Sai Ying rather than Shying. The GNB does not accepted 3 words for road naming. Interpretative signage is being investigated which can include all three characters.
Individual	Thank you for this information. I thoroughly support the proposed names for the two lanes and congratulate the City of Sydney for listening to the community on this issue.	Noted
	The historical background is good and I hope that this information will be included in some signage to be associated with the lanes.	
Individual	Thank you for follow-up info. I think the more specific acknowledgement via use of the two names is entirely appropriate.	Noted.
Individual	Thank you for your email below dated 24/11/2022 and for an opportunity to further comment; my inputs are as follows:	Noted. 40 submissions is a strong response for a
	(a) 40 submissions were a REASONABLY SMALL sample - in light of the LGA residents, businesses and visitors.	consultation of this type. Feedback suggested using well-known Chinese family names to recognise and celebrate the Chinese-Australian history and businesses of the area.
	(b) Cabinet Place and Crane Place already have a DIRECT background, cultural and historical connections to their past.	
	(c) Cabinet Place and Crane Place would likely be more POLITICALLY NEUTRAL in the context of our Global City (City of Sydney).	
Individual	I strongly approve of the proposal to use the names Ah Toy Lane and Sai Ying Lane - I would only request that the background history for these names is written into signage, otherwise the significance of these names would be lost on the average passerby.	Noted. Opportunities for historic interpretation on signage will be explored.