

# **Attachment B**

<b>Community Engagement Report</b>
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# Engagement report – Ngana Gili Plaza



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# Overview

## Project Background



Location of plaza



Plaza view

The new plaza in front of Salesforce tower at 180 George Street is defined by the public artwork of Indigenous artist Daniel Boyd. The artwork is a canopy suspended above the plaza.

Naming this plaza is important for wayfinding and access for emergency vehicles.

The proposed name for the plaza, Ngana gili, means black light in the Sydney Aboriginal language. These words are pronounced nga-nah-gilly. Note, 'ng' at the start of this name is pronounced the same as 'ng' in the word sing (si-*ng*).

This name references astronomy and the movement of sun and moonlight seen through the circles cut out of the artwork's black canopy.

This proposal recognises local Aboriginal cultural heritage through naming and related interpretive signs.

Council resolved at its meeting on 17 March 2025 to seek community feedback on the proposed name. This is the first step in officially naming the plaza.

Community engagement was conducted from 14 July to the 11 August.

## Purpose of engagement

To notify the community of the proposal to name this open space Ngana Gili Plaza and to gather feedback to determine community sentiment towards this proposal through multiple channels: online, onsite notices and physical letters.

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## Engagement findings summary

### Overall sentiment

Sentiment towards the proposed name was evenly split with 3 submissions in favour and 3 against. A submission from Lendlease (Circular Quay) Trust was received stating that they are 'generally supportive of the proposed naming and raises no objections.' Lendlease (Circular Quay) Trust are the owners of buildings adjoining the plaza at 180 George Street.

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## Outcomes of engagement

We received a total of **6 submissions** during the consultation.

The Sydney Your Say page was visited 120 times during the public exhibition period.

Quantity	Description of activity
6	Total submissions received
4	Survey submissions
2	Written submissions received via emailed
120	Sydney Your Say webpage visits
23	Document downloads

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## Demographic Data

Demographic data was captured from 4 of the consultation respondents.

### Age

1 respondent was in the age range of 35 to 44, 2 were between the ages 45 and 54 and 1 was in the 55 to 65 age range.

### Gender

4 men participated in the consultation.

### Relationship to the area

All 4 of these respondents work and live in the area. 3 also own property in the area.

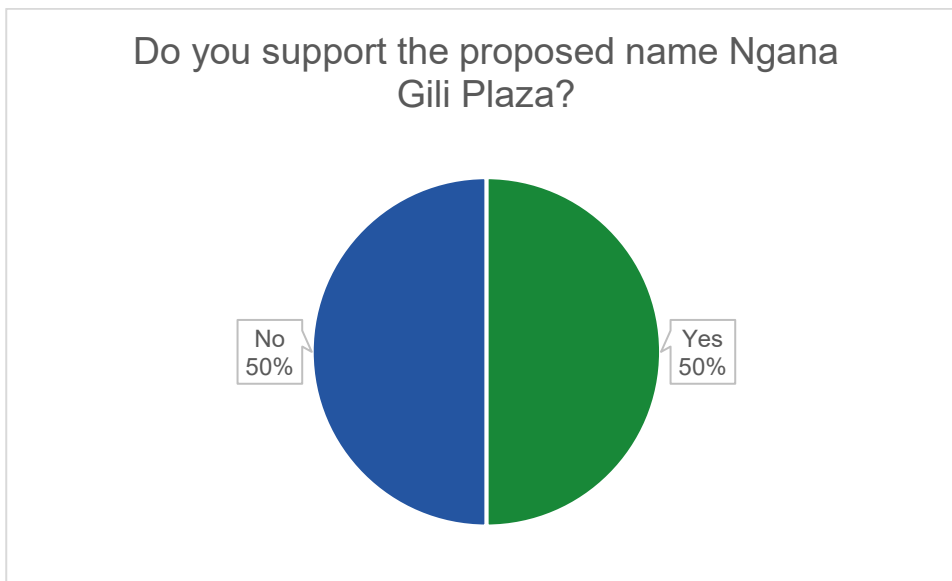
# Key findings

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## Overall sentiment

Sentiment towards the proposed name was evenly split.

Overall, 3 submissions (50%) supported the proposed name and 3 submissions (50%) did not support it.



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## Why people support or did not support the proposed name

People were given the option to comment on why they supported or did not support the proposed name. People often mentioned more than one reason.

### The most common reasons given in support of the proposed name were:

- Support Indigenous naming for Indigenous place (1 comment)
- Appropriately captures themes of artwork that frames the plaza (1 comment)

### The most common reasons given in opposition to the name were:

- Objection to 'virtue signalling' and names should reflect the wishes of local residents (1 comment)
- Plaza should be named after 'white' heritage (1 comment)
- Concern name is difficult to pronounce (1 comment)

# Appendices

## Appendix A: Communications overview

The following is a snapshot of outcomes of communications activities undertaken to support the consultation. Activities reached a range of audience segments via City of Sydney channels.

Activity	Outcome
<b>Sydney Your Say webpage</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Sydney your say web page provided details of the plaza location, background for the origins of the name and a guide to pronunciation. A link to an online survey provided people with the opportunity to give their feedback. The page received 120 views during the consultation period.</li> </ul>
<b>City of Sydney letter</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Delivered to 313 local residents and businesses on 14 July (75-meter radius from the plaza).</li> </ul>
<b>On-street signage</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On-street signage was erected in 2 locations around the plaza.</li> </ul>
<b>Sydney Your Say e-news</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consultation was included in the Sydney Your Say e-newsletter on 15 July sent to 5003 subscribers and on 5 August sent to 4981 subscribers.</li> </ul>
<b>Cos News story</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The proposed naming of Ngana Gili Plaza was featured in City of Sydney News article 'New Aboriginal names for city spots', 29 July, 2025.</li> </ul>

## Appendix B: Communications activities

### Sydney Your Say web page:

The screenshot shows a blue header with the text 'Public notices' and 'Your say on the proposed name Ngana gili Plaza'. Below this, it states 'We're proposing to name the new public space at 180 George Street, Ngana gili Plaza.' A green 'Sydney' tag is visible. A dark blue box contains the text 'Under review' with a speech bubble icon, followed by 'Contributions to this consultation are closed for evaluation and review. The project team will report back on key outcomes.' and 'PUBLIC CONSULTATION PERIOD 14 July 2025 to 11 August 2025'.

### Why we're doing this

We invite your feedback on our proposal to name a new plaza in the city, Ngana gili Plaza.

This new plaza in front of Salesforce tower at 180 George Street is defined by the public artwork of Indigenous artist Daniel Boyd. The artwork is a canopy suspended above the plaza.

Naming this plaza is important for wayfinding and access for emergency vehicles.

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### What we're doing

The proposed name for the plaza, Ngana gili, means black light in the Sydney Aboriginal language. These words are pronounced nga-nah-gilly. Note, 'ng' at the start of this name is pronounced the same as 'ng' in the word sing (si-*ng*).

This name references astronomy and the movement of sun and moonlight seen through the circles cut out of the artwork's black canopy.

This proposal recognises local Aboriginal cultural heritage through naming and related interpretive signs.

Council resolved at its meeting on 17 March 2025 to seek community feedback on the proposed name. This is the first step in officially naming the plaza.

Web page continued:

 **Location map**   
PDF - 143.03 KB - Last modified 14 July 2025

## Next steps

We will report the results of this consultation to Council for consideration.

## How you can give feedback

Consultation closes at 5pm on Monday 11 August 2025.

### 1 Complete our survey




You'll need to log in with a City of Sydney account to complete the survey. If you don't have an account, it's easy to create one.

### 2 Email or post your feedback

You can give your feedback by email to [sydneyyoursay@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au](mailto:sydneyyoursay@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au) or post to:

Gareth Jenkins  
Senior Community Engagement Coordinator  
City of Sydney  
456 Kent Street  
Sydney NSW 2000

## Other ways you can give feedback

<b>Talk to us in person</b>	
<b>If you are Deaf or have complex communication needs</b>	
<b>If you need an interpreter</b>	

## Sydney Your Say E-newsletter

The naming proposal was featured in the Sydney Your Say e-newsletter in July 2025



Photo: Trevor Mein / City of Sydney

## Naming proposals open for feedback

We invite your comments on a proposal to name [a small park in Camperdown](#), [Daranggara Park](#), a [new road in Alexandria](#), [Wiryagan Place](#) and the [public space at 180 George Street](#), [Ngana gili Plaza](#).

Read the proposals and give feedback by Monday 11 August.

[Read more](#)

On-site signage was displayed in the plaza



## Consultation Letter

A letter from the Executive Director, Strategic Development and Engagement was delivered to 313 local residents and businesses on 14 July.



The Rt. Hon. The Lord Mayor of Sydney  
**CLOVER MOORE AO**

14 July 2025

### Your say on naming Ngana gili Plaza, Sydney

I write to invite your feedback on the City of Sydney's proposal to name a new plaza at 180 George Street, Ngana gili Plaza. At our meeting on 17 March, Council resolved to seek community feedback on the proposal.

Ngana gili means 'black light' in the Sydney Aboriginal language, and is pronounced 'nganah-gilly'. The 'ng' at the start of this name sounds the same as the ng in the word sing (si-ng).

Naming this plaza is important for wayfinding and access for emergency vehicles.

The proposed name recognises local Aboriginal cultural heritage.

### Next steps

The results of this consultation will be reported to Council for consideration later this year.

You can provide your feedback and find more information at [sydneyyoursay.com.au](http://sydneyyoursay.com.au) or email [sydneyyoursay@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au](mailto:sydneyyoursay@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au).

Submissions close at 5pm on Monday 11 August 2025.

If you have any further queries, you can contact Gareth Jenkins, Senior Community Engagement Coordinator, on 02 9265 9333 or at [sydneyyoursay@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au](mailto:sydneyyoursay@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Clover Moore".

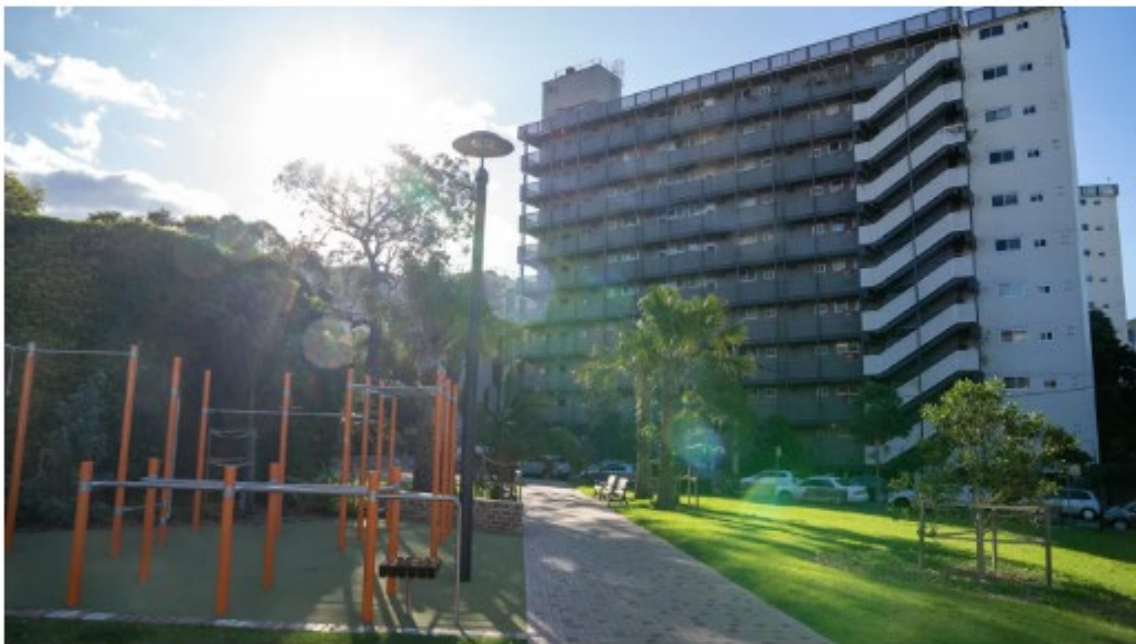
Clover Moore AO  
Lord Mayor of Sydney

City of Sydney News Story, 29 July

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## New Aboriginal names for city spots

Trees and the night sky inspire titles for a local plaza, park and street.



© Darangara Park, Camperdown. Credit: Abril Folman.

### Ngana gili Plaza, Sydney

Pronounced nga-nah-gilly. Ng as in sing.

A suspended canopy created by renowned contemporary artist and Kudjira/Gangaluman Daniel Boyd defines the plaza at 180 George Street.

The proposed name for the space, Ngana gili, means 'black light' in the Sydney Aboriginal language.

It references astronomy and the movement of the sun and moonlight seen through the circles cut out of the artwork's black canopy.

## Daranggara Park, Camperdown

Pronounced durr-an-garrah.

Cabbage tree palms have inspired the name for a redesigned small park on Lyons Road.

Daranggara is the Sydney Aboriginal word for these hardy local trees planted in the park.

## Wiriyagan Place, Alexandria

Pronounced wirr-ie-yay-gan.

Wiriyagan Place is a private road that connects Alexandra Canal depot with Bourke Road.

Wiriyagan is a Sydney Aboriginal language word for a low-growing fruit-bearing tree, either a banksia or melaleuca.

These are resilient plant species common in the local area.

Employees at the depot care for Country, which includes looking after these trees.

## Have your say

We're recognising Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and heritage in public spaces.

These names are drawn from the Sydney Aboriginal words documented in Jakelin Troy's book [The Sydney Language](#).

We're asking for your feedback on the new names.

You can provide feedback on the proposal by 5pm, Monday 11 August. Feedback will be reported to Council for consideration later this year.

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