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**MEDIA RELEASE**

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**PROPOSAL TO ASSIGN A HILL NAME**

The Geographical Names Board is calling for public comment on a proposal by Wollondilly Shire Council to name a Hill, Loomes Hill.

Secretary of the Geographical Names Board, Michael van den Bos, said feedback is being sought on the proposal to name a hill located in the locality of The Oaks, on Burragorang Road. The hill's peak is approximately 1.5km North West of Flaggy Creek and is 300 meters above sea level.

The proposed name is to commemorate the Loomes Family for their contributions to the community. The Loomes have owned property in the area since 1834 and used the property for wheat and later dairy farming.

The hill is already referenced by many residents and older generations throughout the shire as Loomes Hill.

Mr van den Bos said the board is encouraging community comment before it considers the proposal.

"It is important that place names reflect the character and history of the local area and community," he said.

"We want to make sure everyone has an opportunity to provide their feedback on the proposed name."

Details of the proposal can be viewed and submissions lodged on the Geographical Names Board's website at [www.gnb.nsw.gov.au](http://www.gnb.nsw.gov.au).

Alternatively written submissions may be lodged with the Secretary, Geographical Names Board, 346 Panorama Ave, Bathurst, NSW, 2795.

The closing date for submissions is Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2016.

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