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PUBLIC COMMENT SOUGHT FOR PROPOSED DUAL NAME

The Geographical Names Board (GNB) is seeking public comment on a proposal by the Bathurst Local Aboriginal Land Council to assign the name 'Wahluu' as a dual name for Mount Panorama.

Geographical Names Board Chair, Des Mooney, said the dual naming would mean the area could be referred to by either name.

"Dual naming is very different to renaming," he said.

"Once an area has been dual named it can be referred to by either name and it is not intended for one name to take precedence over the other.

"In this instance if the proposal for dual naming is successful it will mean that the area would retain the name Mount Panorama but could also be called 'Wahluu'.

"Dual naming of geographical areas is fairly common, with Australia's most famous example being Uluru/Ayers Rock."

The Bathurst Local Aboriginal Land Council has received the support and endorsement from Bathurst Regional Council to dual name Mount Panorama, 'Wahluu'.

Mr Mooney encouraged public feedback on the proposal to dual name the area.

"It is important that the public have a chance to have their say and provide their thoughts on the proposal," he said.

"I encourage people to log on to the Geographical Names Board website, www.gnb.gov.au, and view the proposal and lodge their submissions.

"Submissions will close on 15 September."

Written submissions can also be lodged with the Secretary, Geographical Names Board, 346 Panorama Ave, Bathurst, NSW 2795.

For more information on locality naming visit the Geographical Names Board, www.gnb.nsw.gov.au.