

MEDIA RELEASE

PROPOSAL TO AMEND LOCALITY BOUNDARIES IN THE LITHGOW LGA

The Geographical Names Board is calling for public comment on a proposal by Lithgow City Council to amend the locality boundaries of *Lidsdale* and *Marrangaroo* to encompass the locality of *Springvale*.

Chair of the Geographical Names Board, Narelle Underwood, said feedback is being sought on the proposal to remove *Springvale* and have the areas defined as *Lidsdale* and *Marrangaroo*.

The affected residents identify as being in both *Lidsdale* and *Marrangaroo* and have been using these localities as their address. *Springvale* is also a duplicated locality within NSW. Discontinuing the name will create clear addresses to support emergency services.

If the proposal goes ahead *Springvale* will be retained in the Geographical Names Register as a 'Rural Place' to preserve the history of the name. However, *Lidsdale* and *Marrangaroo* will become the official localities for addressing purposes.

Mrs Underwood 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. Place names should also be easily identified in an emergency services event," she 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.

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 22 May 2017.

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