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Media Release

HAVE YOUR SAY ON 11 NEW SUBURBS IN THE ROYAL NATIONAL PARK

The Geographical Names Board is seeking community feedback on a proposal by NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) to create 11 new suburbs within the Royal National Park in Sutherland Local Government Area (LGA).

Chair of the Geographical Names Board Narelle Underwood said feedback was being sought on the proposal to create new suburbs named Wattamolla, Marley, Palona, Garie, Bonnie Vale, Goarra, Jibbon, Yenabilli, Warumbul, Audley and Uloola. The proposal also includes amending the existing suburb of Lilyvale, in Wollongong LGA.

“It is important suburbs and boundaries are clear and easy to understand. Right now, Royal National Park is both a suburb and a national park reserve and the boundaries do not match each other,” Mrs Underwood said.

“The proposal from NPWS would divide the existing suburb of Royal National Park into smaller, more meaningful areas named after prominent geographical features from within the new boundaries.

“Creating these new suburbs will help to reduce confusion and narrow down locations within the larger reserve.”

Mrs Underwood said the Geographical Names Board was now seeking feedback to gauge community sentiment for the proposed names.

“We want to make sure everyone has an opportunity to provide their feedback on the proposed names and boundaries to ensure they best reflect the local community,” Mrs Underwood said.

Suggestions for alternative names is not being sought at this time.

Details of the proposal including map GNB 6100-1A shows the proposed boundaries and can be viewed and submissions lodged on the Geographical Names Board’s [website](#).

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

The proposal does not impact the Royal National Park reserve name or boundary.

The closing date for submissions is 17 December 2021.