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HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE NAME OF A RESERVE IN HAWKESBURY LGA

The Geographical Names Board is seeking community feedback on a proposal by Hawkesbury City Council to name a reserve in the suburb of Freemans Reach as *The Breakaway*.

Chair of the Geographical Names Board Narelle Underwood said the Board is encouraging community comment before it considers the proposal.

“Through place naming, communities have the opportunity to unlock past stories, preserve traditions, reawaken language and provide a sense of belonging and identity,” Mrs Underwood said.

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

The reserve is located at the point where the Hawkesbury River broke its banks after a flood in 1949.

For decades the reserve has been known locally as ‘The Breakaway’ and takes its name from the nearby rural place, which was officially named in 1983.

Details of the proposal can be viewed and submissions lodged on the Geographical Names Board’s [website](#).

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

The closing date for submissions is 13 June 2021.