

Draft Media Release

Have your say on a place name in The Hills LGA

Thursday, 4 April 2024

The Geographical Names Board (GNB) is seeking community feedback on a proposal by The Hills Shire Council to name a reserve in the locality of North Kellyville as Kiliiyurra Reserve.

The reserve is located on the corner of Withers Road and Hezlett Road and is known locally as Withers Road Reserve, however this name has not been officially assigned.

The name Kiliiyurra (pronounced Kil-ee-yor-rah) is a Dharug word for the turpentine tree which is one of the dominant species on the reserve.

The proposed name acknowledges the local Aboriginal people's connection to this part of the North Kellyville area.

GNB is seeking feedback to gauge community sentiment for the proposed name. Suggestions for alternative names is not being sought at this time.

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 4 May 2024.

Quotes to be attributed to NSW Surveyor-General Narelle Underwood:

"Names are not just labels; they tell the stories of their community, and it is important that they reflect the character and history of the local area."

"Community consultation on the proposed names is an important step to make sure everyone has an opportunity to provide their feedback and ensures that each voice has a chance to contribute."

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