

Media Release

Have your say on naming a channel of the Hunter River

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The Geographical Names Board (GNB) is seeking community feedback on a proposal to formalise the name Steelworks Channel, for a segment of the Hunter River.

The channel spans south of Port Waratah in the Hunter River, extending southeast to Newcastle Harbour for approximately 3.5km.

The proposed name is already used colloquially and features on government authority maps and datasets, including those published by Port Authority NSW and Australian Hydrographic Office, however other maps may feature incorrect labels.

Formalising the name would ensure all maps have the correct name and that it is used consistently on maps and in databases.

GNB is seeking feedback from the community to verify that the name Steelworks Channel is accurate. Suggestions for alternative names are 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 9 September 2024.

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

"The Geographical Names Board is committed to formalising established names that are in use by the local community."

"Ensuring consistent and accurate place names is essential for clear communication and avoiding confusion which can arise from alternative names being used for features."

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