



Media Release

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HAVE YOUR SAY ON A NEW SUBURB IN BLACKTOWN LGA

The Geographical Names Board is seeking community feedback on a proposal by Blacktown City Council to name a suburb in its Local Government Area (LGA).

Chair of the Geographical Names Board, Narelle Underwood, said feedback is being sought on the proposal to create 'Nirimba Fields' as a new suburb in Blacktown LGA.

The proposed area is part of the North West Priority Growth Area which will accommodate an increase in population in the future.

The proposed name, 'Nirimba Fields', comes from the former Royal Australian Navy repair, maintenance and training facility, 'Nirimba', located within the proposed suburb area.

The name is derived from the Darug Language and means 'Pelican', which forms a large part of the naval crest.

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," Mrs Underwood said.

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

The proposed suburb area includes the Nirimba Education Precinct and has previously been advertised on two separate occasions as 'Lynch' and 'Nirimba Marana'.

Following community feedback these names have been rejected.

Copies of map GNB3725-6 showing the proposed suburb boundary amendment will be on display at Blacktown City Council Civic Centre.

Details of the proposal, including a map, can be viewed and submissions lodged on the Geographical Names Board's website: <https://proposals.gnb.nsw.gov.au/currentproposals>

Alternatively, email submissions can be sent to ss-gnb@customerservice.nsw.gov.au or written submissions may be lodged with the Secretary Geographical Names Board, 346 Panorama Avenue Bathurst NSW 2795.

The closing date for submissions is Friday 1 May 2019.

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