



Media Release

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HAVE YOUR SAY ON A PLACE NAME IN INNER WEST LGA

The Geographical Names Board is seeking community feedback on a proposal by Inner West Council to name an urban place in the suburb of Marrickville as *Little Vietnam*.

Chair of the Geographical Names Board Narelle 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 urban place is in the vicinity of Illawarra Road, between Marrickville Road and Warren Road.

The proposal seeks to commemorate the significant contribution of the Vietnamese community in the Inner West local government area. Naming the section of Illawarra Road as a Vietnamese precinct is a gesture of respect to all the Vietnamese migrants who helped establish the Inner West as the birthplace of Australian multiculturalism.

It also reinforces Marrickville as one of Sydney’s great multicultural destinations.

Marrickville is a significant suburb for the Vietnamese community who have been generous in sharing their food and culture. The precinct has many Vietnamese restaurants and shops.

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 8 November 2021.